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THE ABIDING CHARM OF GENERAL COLLECTING.

By PERCY C. BISHOP.

It is common ground among philatelists that a follower of our hobby should at least commence as a general collector. I think that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred he had better continue as a general collector.

The first stages in the formation of a general collection constitutes a species of apprenticeship leading to the higher art of scientific specialism; they form a sort of preparatory course preceding the more advanced stages of philatelic education; they are "the three R's" before Greek and the Higher Mathematics.

Mind you, I speak only of the initial stages of General Collecting. Later—when, let us say, the first 2,000 varieties have been gathered together—the generalist's troubles begin. Be sure he has his troubles and perplexities no less than the late Edward Nankivell's "Great Mogul," who specialises and "bloats."

Up to the "2,000" point the newcomer in philately wends his joyous way along a rose-strewn path, all fear and danger scorning. What, indeed, has he to fear? Fakes and forgeries are scarcely likely to lurk in his first packet of a thousand varieties, price 12s 6d or thereabouts. Fournier, of Geneva, would go bankrupt if he had to "job" his "fac-similes" at that sort of price. And, in other ways, if our neophyte will but observe the common-sense rule of buying stamps only from those dealers who are known to be persons of good repute, his progress is easy and secure. During, say, his first three or four months he is out to fill spaces, and the more he fills the better he feels.

Well, that is collecting pure and simple. It is not what we understand by that ridiculous but now so remediable word "Philately." If I may suggest an approximate definition—an exact definition being perhaps impossible—Philately begins at the precise moment when the collector gives his box of hinges a rest and *begins to study his stamps.* And that probably occurs when he has hinged and mounted something like 2,000 stamps—"all different" as the schoolboy collector calls them, feeling a vague distrust of the word "varieties."

It is then that the collector begins to sit up and observe things, and he does it because he has to. He finds himself, quite suddenly, "up against" a proposition in Real Philately. Perhaps there are engraved stamps to be sorted out from lithographed labels of the same design; maybe there is "wove" paper to be distinguished from "laid" or, more modernly, "chalky" paper to be differentiated from that which is chalkless. Perforations may perturb him, or watermarks vex his soul; and in self defence he must read these things up and provide himself with a fair working knowledge of postage stamp characteristics and peculiarities. This is the point at which he discovers that an album, some stamps, a box of hinges and a catalogue, though these may make an all-sufficient outfit for a stamp collector, do not supply all the needs of a philatelist.

It is a ticklish moment; it is really almost a crisis. The collector, especially if he be a bit of a "slacker," may decide that philately is "too much fag," and he may shut down on it in favour of something easier, something involving rather less "swat." In that case Philately, perhaps, is well rid of him, for a man who boggles at small difficulties is hardly likely to be of much use or ornament to the hobby. To anyone having the true collecting spirit difficulties are no deterrent; they are a spur and a stimulus. The true collector, then, will win through, and will bid fair to become a true philatelist; but ere that happens a second and a more serious peril may beset him. He may be tempted—I know from experience that he often *is* tempted, to abandon too soon the comparatively simple delights of General Collecting for the more hazardous joys of specialism. Perhaps he secures an unusually fine lot of stamps of this or that country or colony; among them, possibly he discovers an unlisted shade or some minor variety that has so far escaped the vigilance of the cataloguer. It is enough. Says he: "I will specialise this country," and in his enthusiasm for his new love, the old general collection, the collection that has taught him his craft and made him what he is, is laid aside and forgotten.

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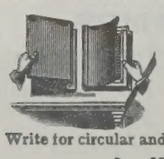
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Disillusioned, discouraged by delays and difficulties, perhaps debarred from completing even the "standard" varieties of his chosen country by sheer lack of money, the too hasty Specialist possibly turns for consolation to his neglected general collection. But, meanwhile he has lost much valuable time; and so he is appalled by the amount of leeway he has to make up. He has missed, perhaps, some hundreds of new issues, the prices of which in many cases have risen against him, as prices will. He feels, then, that he has made a failure of Philately—that between the two stools of Generalism and Specialism he has come to the ground. Believe me I do not overdraw the picture; I have known many cases of young philatelists who have been lost to the hobby in precisely the manner described.

Why, then, hanker after Specialism? Why not be content with the abiding charm of General Collecting?

To my mind the advantages of General Collecting, in the case of those who can devote only average leisure and a limited purse to their hobby, are obvious and incontrovertible. They are so patent as to scarcely need to be indicated. In the first place there is "variety," and variety, proverbially, is charming. A specialised collection is a tedious thing to nearly everybody save its owner. It bores other philatelists, save those who are interested in just that particular country; it is the "abomination of desolation" to non-philatelists, who can never understand why any sane men should fill page after page with rows and rows of, apparently, the same stamp.

You may say the non-philatelist doesn't matter; but doesn't he? We all have non-philatelists among our friends and relatives. Some of them, perhaps, we hope to convert to Philately; all of them we certainly desire, for our own variety's sake, to imbue with some feeling of respect and sympathy for our chosen hobby. Well, we shall never make converts with only a specialised collection to show; it is too tedious, too "samey;" it will bore the good curate or the maiden aunt to tears.

Bring out a general collection, and see what a different effect is produced. People sit up and take an interest in what you show them and tell them. The generalist's album glows with life and colour; it shows the world's geography, the world's modern history. A page of "Seebecks," poorly as we philatelists may esteem them, will palpitate with life and meaning when viewed by non-philatelic eyes, because they are stamps with stories, little cameos of history, adventure and romance.

And as the general collection is a thing of greater variety and interest to the onlooker, so it offers a larger field to the energy and enthusiasm of the philatelist himself. The generalist is never without employment, if the stamps of one country are "shy" those of another are abundant. He is always at it, always garnering his harvest, always striving to catch up arrears and to set his philatelic house in order.

The specialist, on the other hand, is a man ploughing a lonely furrow—I remember hearing Mr. Oldfield say that very thing of him at a dinner of the Royal Philatelic Society. He is a man working apart from ninety per cent. of his fellows. He bores them with his talk of his pet country, just as they bore him with their cackle about their own. Much of the falling off in the attendances at certain societies' meeting during recent years has been due to the prevalence of specialism. The promise of an intensely "specialistic" paper or display attracts to the meeting just those members who are interested in that particular page in the catalogue; its only effect on the other members is to remind them that they have some other appointment elsewhere.

But of course, specialism has its uses. Specialism has done much for Philately—how much I may attempt to explain in an article that may fittingly follow this one. But too much specialism, or too premature specialism, is in my judgment a sheer calamity. For the vast majority of philatelists I hold that specialism is a good thing only when it is pursued as a "side line" to General Collecting.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Don't forget to say "Saw your ad in MEKEEL'S." It will "help some" as Brody says.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Hugo Kuenstler (11), Frank L. Jackson, John Balaz (6).

—W. R. Ricketts has sent us three instalments of his Index of Philatelic Literature, comprising pages 91 to 120. This Index has reached only the letter "C".

—*The Collectors' Blue Book* comes to us as a Vol. 1 No. 1 from 625 Pearl St., Camden, N. J. It is a magazine of sixteen pages with cover. The business manager is Thomas Burnett and the publisher is R. J. Wythe, Jr. While there is a distinctly philatelic flavor about the publication, the features for 1914 include a wide variety of articles dealing with various forms of collecting.

—N. J. Cadorette of Fitchburg, Mass., advises us in renewing his subscription that he has just been elected as a member of the common council for the fifth consecutive time.

—The Economist Stamp Co. advertised a stamp two weeks ago that the firm could not supply, due to a typographical error. The stamp advertised as a $5 1912, U. S. at $3.50 should have been of the vintage of 1902. We regret the error.

RETURN OF STANLEY GIBBONS.

Our readers will be interested in noting the return of an old advertiser, the firm of Stanley Gibbons resuming its old position on page 1 with this issue. We expect that this firm will have many interesting announcements to make during the winter and we need not urge a careful reading of its offerings. We would request our subscribers answering any advertisement to write "Saw you advt. in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

BRANCHING OUT.

Another store on the ground floor has been opened by Edward Michael, Chicago, in the "loop" section of that city. Mr. Michael's capable and courteous assistant, Emanuel Donchin, has been placed in charge of the new store, which is numbered 321 S. Clark Street and is a half block from the postoffice. The second store will be operated under the name of Reliance Stamp & Coin Company.

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By ARTHUR I. SMITH.

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WASHINGTON STATE CELEBRATES.

The Washington State Philatelic Society held a jollification late in December but the printed matter at hand does not indicate either the exact date or the purpose of it. One thing is certain, a good banquet was spread, with a philatelic flavor that must have made it very enjoyable. The post prandial exercises were in charge of Carl H. Reeves, toastmaster, and the Hon. Edgar Battle, postmaster of the city of Seattle, in which city the banquet was held, was one of the speakers. The Society is evidently in a very flourishing condition.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Herbert H. A. Fox and Harry A. Smith, who have been associated together under the firm name of Herbert H. A. Fox & Co. have dissolved the partnership and Mr. Fox will continue the business under his own name. The firm has dealt in British Colonials and many of our readers have profited by the offers made from week to week. We wish Mr. Fox a large measure of prosperity and the WEEKLY will do its share in providing it.

1847 ISSUE AUCTION
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EDITORIAL.

Now Complete—We have received a copy of the catalogue of the International Philatelic Exhibition, New York, with a printed list of awards, etc., on four pages uniform with those of the catalogue. When these extra pages are tipped in the catalogue, it becomes a complete record of the stamp side of the great exhibition in the one work.

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It Comes Out—We read in a contemporary that "John N. Luff is one of the distinctive philatelists of America." We admire the caution displayed by the writer who evidently is not a disciple of the fervid school of journalism. Yes, Mr. Luff is one and we add, the only. He is more than a "distinctive philatelist"; he is an instinctive one and at the same time he is a philatelist cultivated to the highest degree. He loves stamps, lives with them and moreover, spends much money for them. He has collections going all the time and he possesses that genius that allows him to understand intuitively almost, what usually is acquired only with much application. Philatelia's star was in the ascendancy when John N. Luff was born. It will irk Mr. Luff sorely to be called America's greatest philatelist but we cannot shirk our duty by refusing to answer a question that comes to this pillar of profundity from readers wanting information on this very point.

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They Are Here—"The boys are at it again," said a big dealer, "and they are rallying around philately in an inspiring way; but," he continued, "what a difference between the boy trade of today and that of ten years ago." He adds that then, the packet was the great favorite with the boys who pledged their allegiance to it but now the set and the single stamps are high in the affections of the boys. The set has always enjoyed a fair degree of popularity with the young collectors but it was not to be compared with that with which the packet was regarded. Now, it seems, the set is gaining on the packet which will have to be looking to its laurels soon if the present conditions continue. The demand for single stamps by the boys indicates that they are making rapid progress in philately and that they are quicker to learn and strike out for themselves now than a decade ago.

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They Look Scarce—A reader in a ruminative mood says that there are certain stamps that to him everlastingly seem rare by reason of their appearance alone, when in reality they are not at all valuable from the standing given them in the catalogue. To him these stamps retain their "rare" look irregardless of the number of times he sees them. His choice is the half anna blue, 1854, India. Our correspondent thinks that it would be interesting to know if other collectors are affected in the same way. "Are they?" he asks; and we flash back, "Yes," and offer our contribution of the Peru, No. 19, five centavos, 1871-73, as our idea, from its appearance, of the apex or rarity.

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Strange Case—Some folks have a queer idea of causes for congratulation. We have heard of as many different varieties of optimists as there are varieties in Nicaraguan surcharges but here is a new one. Mr. F. E. Goodwin, our free and fearless writer, whose interesting series on the stamps of the United States is nearing its close in the WEEKLY, has an article in the *American Paint & Oil Dealer* for December, with the sub-heading: "How the Income Tax Is a Blessing in Disguise to Careless Business Men."

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Not Ordinary—A cover before us for inspection that has several points of distinction is one that bears a five-cent, 1847, and the Blood's local, the large rectangular black and blue of 1848, both struck with the cancellation in red, twice impressed: "Philada. Railroad." The cover which is addressed to Rhode Island shows no other marking.

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Nautical Intelligence—From Mr. M. C. Bradley of Boston, comes the correction: "Robert Fulton's steamboat was the 'Clermont,' not the 'Clairmont,' as the 1914 catalogue has it, on page 12, (No. 337). Perhaps the compiler lives in Montclair, New Jersey." We suppose that the marine editor of the catalogue was responsible for the error during one of his recent bad spells. Think of how the catalogue will delude the poor student who picks out, "Clermont," on the pennant on the stamp; he will be in the seventh heaven of delight until his "error" dreams will go a-glimmering.

No Doubt About It—An officer in a large stamp corporation says that the feature of the market at present that pleases him most is the firm demand for the cheaper stamps, speaking relatively. A few words of explanation of the term, cheap, are necessary; it refers to those stamps that are priced up to two dollars as he named the maximum. The argument is that a call for stamps of this description, when augmented and sustained for some time will soon make such inroads on the visible supply of some of the varieties that they will be promoted into the division of higher prices. The result is satisfaction for the investor by reason of the increased valuations; and the dealer, of course having made a fair amount from the sales is a poor stick if he does not feel a gratification in the collector's paper profits. The lesson to be conveyed is that stamps that are low in price possess greater possibilities than the rarities for remunerative investment, when once the cheap stamps do move upwards in price. Advances in a stamp low in the catalogue mean a higher percentage of profit, as a rule, than those of the rarities, generally speaking. The delightful uncertainty of it all, it need not be remarked, is in the selection of the right cheap stamps with promising futures and then in such number as to count.

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How It Was—We remember how in 1893, a philatelist of speculative bent plunged, as it seemed nearly all collectors of the times did, in the Columbian stamps which had set the tongue of the philatelic world wagging. This speculator did not buy quantities of the denominations that others bought to the limit of their resources but we can hear him yet telling why he was laying aside thousands of the one-cent stamped envelope of the Columbian issue which cost but a fraction over a cent each, instead of higher values. He said, "When I sell my envelopes even at five cents each, I shall receive the equivalent proportionately of about seventy-five dollars for a set of adhesives with a face value of $16.34." There were other considerations entering into the case, it must be admitted, but the basic contention was that a hundred one-cent stamps doubling in price meant as much as a dollar stamp getting to two dollars. The theory was good even though he in practice lost more or less, as a countless number of fellow-speculators did.

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PARCEL POST DESIGNS.

Several publications have been going quite deeply into the subject of the various designs found on the issued parcel post series. Somewhere the desire was expressed that a full list of the origin of each design might some day be compiled and undoubtedly the following notes will go a long way toward solving the problem. It will be seen that the designs were made up from various sources and some of them are of simple and quite unromantic origin.

We will take up each denomination in order:

1c—A view taken in the interior of the city post office at Washington.

2c—The P. O. D. supplied a photograph of a mail carrier and the Bureau artist added the background in accordance with his own ideas.

3c—A photograph of a mail car taken at the new Union Station at Washington.

4c—The mail wagon is a model in the P. O. D. at Washington, a horse was hitched to it and a photograph taken; the surrounding landscape was supplied by the artist.

5c—From a photograph supplied by the P. O. D.

10c—Copied from a photograph showing steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm arriving in New York harbor on Feb. 23, 1902, with Prinz Heinrich of Prussia on board. The landscape on the right in the original is Staten Island. The artist thought he would improve it by adding skyscrapers resembling New York City, but in reality created a picture geographically quite incorrect. The view indicates an outgoing steamer, but the mail tender at side is seen only on arrival at New York.

15c—From a photograph taken at Washington and supplied by the P. O. D. to the Bureau.

20c—The aeroplane was a photograph taken at College Park near Washington purposely for this stamp. Many experiments were made before a good view was obtained. The background was made up later by the artist.

25c—The rolling mill is located in South Chicago where Director Ralph was at one time employed. The view was furnished by him.

75c—This view depicts no special place. The Department of Agriculture furnished a view of a group of cows. Dairy buildings were added to the scene to obtain the desired picture.

50c—A photograph furnished by the Department of Agriculture.

$1.00—Another photograph furnished by the Department of Agriculture.

It was found necessary to make changes in four denominations after the engravings had been completed and two differing die proofs of each are in existence. These are as follows:

3c—The first design was a much more attractive one than the one finally accepted, easily the poorest one of the series. It was a totally different picture, showing a delivery wagon backed up to an open mail car with a messenger on each handling parcels.

20c—Both designs were very similar. The first showed no mail pouch and the aviator's feet were dangling in mid-air instead of being placed on a foot rest.

50c—In the first view the buildings are much larger and more in the foreground.

$1.00—The first proof was the only one used. Later the sky lines were entirely removed, but the picture was far less effective than at first. A supply of stamps had been printed and there was a rumor that the design would be changed to a view with a plain sky, but no action was taken.

Philatelic Gazette.

OUR RECRUITING SPECIAL.

There has been a quick response to our invitation to dealers to use our Recruiting Special of Jan. 31. The veteran dealer P. M. Wolsieffer takes a quarter page and Wendover Neefus emphasizes his word of recommendation of a week ago by ordering a quarter page. H. Wesley Legg will send in as large an advertisement as he can find time to write and at least a quarter page. We have made the following reservations:—

J. F. Negreen, outside cover page.
International Stamp Co., half page.
P. M. Wolsieffer, quarter page.
Wesley Legg, quarter page.
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BRITISH GUIANA.—The New England Stamp Co. has also shown us the 1c and 5c values in the new King George set.

Adhesives.

1c green.
5c ultramarine.

ARGENTINE.—M. P. Hynes sends us used specimens of the 2c and 5c Laborer stamps, overprinted "M. J. I.," for official use of the Ministry of Justice and Instruction. The 5c of which Mr. Hynes sends an unsevered pair, is on the new paper, with honeycomb watermark.

BRAZIL.—Hermann Focke reports having seen the proofs of the new official issue with head of President da Fonseca, "which was despatched to Rio de Janeiro a short time ago, but did not have the time nor the nerve to ask for permission to copy the various values and colors. What took me was the highest value of 1,000$.00 (1000 Milreis) or $325. in our money, while the lowest is 10 reis (⅓c)."

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—J. A. Galbraith shows us the 3d King George stamp for the Caymans, on the new yellow surfaced paper. The *Daily Express* says that the 1sh and 10sh values have been seen on green surface tinted paper, the first to be recorded on this paper.

Adhesives.

3d violet on yellow.
1sh black on green.
10sh green and carmine on green.

CUBA.—The *Stamp Lover* reports the 1 peso, Scott's A33, in a single color.

Adhesive.

1p black.

DENMARK.—The *Postage Stamp* chronicles the 2k value, completing the King Christian X set.

Adhesive.

2k deep gray.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Frank M. Mason sends us unused specimens of what he calls the first and second printings of the 2d, 3d and 6d King George. As noted in No. 1199, *Stamp Collecting* calls the new shade of the 3d "deep violet," while *Ewen's Weekly* says it is "blue violet." According to our light it is "purple," so there you are. Certainly the change from the original shade is striking, much more so than the 6d. The latter shows a deepening of the shade, making the printing appear sharper and clearer than the earlier printing, which had a grayish shade. The same applies to the 2d, which is now issued in a bright red orange. The English papers say these are Somerset House prints.

Adhesives.

2d red orange.
3d purple.
6d deep lilac.

HAYTI.—Hermann Focke writes as follows: "I have had some correspondence with Mr. Dunning regarding the stamps of Hayti, issue 1906 in new colours, which according to advices received from my friends in Hayti were unobtainable as late as November last, but am now in a position to state—with apologies to Mr. Dunning—that these stamps were printed as early as 1909 and sent to Port-au-Prince in October of that year, but why they should not have been issued to the public in general, is not clear to me. The issue consisted of: 100,000 each of 1 centime de piastre apple green, 3c orange, 4c green drab, 7c pink, 8c olive, 10c terra cotta, 15c primrose, 50c light yellow, and 1p brick red. I believe most of these have been previously recorded, but it may be worth the while and space to report the series complete."

JAPAN.—Arthur Russell shows us a cover with a strip of five of the new 2c green and one of the 5c purple stamps. Incidentally remarks that the new designs, are great improvement over previous issues.

Offices in China.—Lewis A. McArthur reports having seen the new 10s of Japan, overprinted for use in China, in black, same sized characters as on previous issues.

MEXICO.—*Sonora.*—H. R. Howard sends us a cover franked with one of the Sonora stamps, and two of the Constitucionalista Transitorio stamps, which have hitherto been supposed to be a special issue for the state of Mr. Howard says: "Am sending on cover specimens of Constitucionalista stamps in use in all Mexican states under General Carrangas' control. Hermosillo, Sonora, is the capitol of the Constitucionalista government, as this state was the leader in the rebellion against Huerta. I understand these stamps are replacing the Sonora stamps as fast as latter are being sold out. The 5c value appeared in Sonora several weeks ago."

NICARAGUA.—From this country we may expect a new issue in the Cordoba currency which in proof has already been accepted writes Hermann Focke. It will consist of two designs of oblong shape, with the Cathedral and the National palace at Managua as a vignette, very similar in appearance to the Hayti stamps of 1906.

ST. VINCENT.—J. A. Galbraith has shown us a new value in the King George set, as described in No. 1157.

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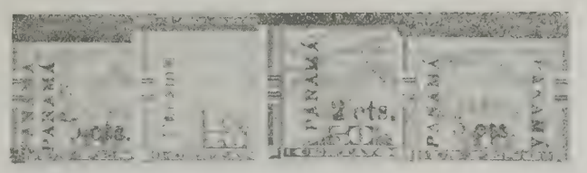
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THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Hanover.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

On April 15th, 1853, a new stamp bearing the facial value of 3 pfennig was issued for use on newspapers and other printed matter. The design consists of an upright vertically lined oval containing a large numeral "3" with "PFENNIGE" curved below, "HANNOVER" in a straight line above, and a crown at the top. Above the upper part of the oval is a cartouche with scroll ends inscribed "EIN DRITTEL SILBERGROSCHEN," i. e. ⅓sgr, or less than 1c in United States currency. The whole is enclosed within a single lined rectangle.



This stamp was also engraved by Herr Fickenscher, and typographed at Senator Culemann's establishment. Although produced by the same process as that employed for the preceding issues, this value does not provide many minor varieties. The only ones we have noticed consist of small colored dots or lines in one or other of the angles.

This value was printed on white wove paper watermarked in a similar manner to that of the 1851 series. The gum is red and this variety is always imperforate.

Reference List.

1853. Wmk. crossed branches of oak. Imperf.

7. 3pf pale rose, Scott's No. 7.

THE FOURTH ISSUE.

Many objections were raised to the use of colored papers for the Hanoverian stamps, and in 1855 it was decided to try the experiment of printing the stamps on white paper that had previously been covered with a colored network of fine lines. This was done by means of stereotype plates, the network covering the whole of the sheets and having an ornamental border on the margins. The network was so arranged that the







pattern is horizontal. At first a fairly close mesh was used, but this was not considered satisfactory as it gave the stamps a blurred or blotchy appearance. Although all values were overprinted with this fine mesh only the 1/10th was actually placed in use. The other values are, therefore, simply essays or stamps prepared for use and never issued. The 1/10th with the fine mesh is said to have been placed on sale late in 1855 and the other values with the larger network were issued on January 1st, 1856. The color of the network corresponded with the color of the paper which had been used previously for the several values. The 3pf was printed in rose as before, and in this case the mesh was black or grey. The 1/10th with the larger network was issued directly, the supply with small mesh was exhausted and, unused, this is perhaps the rarest individual Hanoverian variety.

The stamps were all printed on unwatermarked paper. They were imperforate and had red gum like the preceding issues.

Reference List.

1855-56. No watermark. Imperf.

(a) Fine network.

8. 1/10th black with orange network, Scott's No. 15 or 15a.

(b) Coarse network.

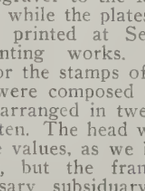
9. 3pf rose with black network, Scott's No. 8 or 9.
10. 1ggr black with green network, Scott's No. 10.
11. 1/30th black with rose network, Scott's No. 11.
12. 1/15th black with blue network, Scott's No. 12.
13. 1/10th black with orange network, Scott's No. 13 or 13a.

THE FIFTH ISSUE.

The currency was revised on October 1st, 1858, the thaler, which had previously been divided into 24 gutengroschen of 12 pfennig each, being now composed of 30 silbergroschen of 10 pfennig each. At the same time the 1 gutengroschen was withdrawn from circulation and the rate of postage for inland single letters was altered to 1 groschen.

A few months later, February 15th, 1859, to be exact, a series of stamps with values conforming to the new currency appeared in place of those with values expressed in fractions of a thaler.

The new stamps were of the values of 1, 2, and 3 groschen and the design shows a profile portrait of King George V, with head to left, on a ground of solid color enclosed in a circle of pearls. Above the medallion is the value "1 (2 or 3) GROSCHEN" and below is "HANNOVER." The whole is enclosed within a rectangular frame, the ground between the portrait and frame being composed of fine vertical lines. There are tiny ornaments in each of the corners.



One original die served for all three values so far as the portrait was concerned this being engraved by Herr Brehmer, engraver to the Mint, from a photograph; while the plates were made and stamps printed at Senator Culemann's printing works. The plates, like those for the stamps of the preceding issues, were composed of 120 type-metal casts arranged in twelve horizontal rows of ten. The head was the same for all three values, as we have already pointed out, but the frames for the three necessary subsidiary dies were separately engraved, as may easily be proved if the lettering of the inscriptions is carefully examined. It is interesting to note that in the case of the 1 groschen all the pearls of the circle are quite distinct; in the 2gr several of those at top of the circle run into one another, and there is always a large colored dot between the letters "SC" of "GROSCHEN"; while in the 3gr there is always a small colored line across the pearled circle below and to the left of the "O" of "Groschen."

At the same time the 3pf, in the design already described, was issued without the colored network. This stamp, and also the 1gr and 2gr, may be found in a number of different shades.

On March 1st, 1861, a 10 groschen stamp was added to the set. This bore a similar portrait of the King but the numerals of value are much larger than those of the previously issued stamps of similar type. This denomination was only on sale at the chief post-offices and was intended for use on heavy packages and registered letters. Judging by its present rarity its use must have been very restricted.

On November 10th, 1861, the color of the 3gr was changed from yellow to brown, in order to make the color of this value conform to that which had been adopted by the other members of the German-Austrian Postal Union for this particular denomination.

All the stamps of this series were printed on plain white wove, unwatermarked, paper and they were issued imperforate. The gum, which up to this time had been red, was changed to rose, varying considerably in depth of tone.

Reference List.

1859-61. Rose gum. No wmk. Imperf.

14. 3pf rose, Scott's No. 16.
15. 1gr rose, Scott's Nos. 19, 19a, or 19b.
16. 2gr blue, Scott's No. 20 or 21.
17. 3gr yellow, Scott's No. 22 or 22a.
18. 3gr brown, Scott's No. 23.
19. 10gr olive-green, Scott's No. 24.

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Introductory.

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Before proceeding further we should like to express our indebtedness to Mr. D. B. Armstrong for a large quantity of notes, etc., which he has kindly placed in our hands for the compilation of this article.

Geographical and Historical.

The Gambia, the eldest—although it has long since ceased to be the most important—of the British possessions on the West African coast, is situated on the banks of the Gambia River, on the extreme western corner of the continent, extending from the Atlantic to the trading port of Yarbatanda (Barraconda Falls); a distance of about 250 miles. The French colony of Senegal forms the northern and eastern boundary, whilst French Guinea lies to the south-west.

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The territory of Gambia consists of a strip of land on each side of the river,

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extending some 6 miles inland on both sides, and having a total area of about 3,700 square miles. The capital, Bathurst, is situated on the island of St. Mary, a small sandbank three and a half miles long and one and a half wide. The population of Bathurst is roughly 8,900, whilst the entire Crown Colony numbers 163,800 souls all told, of whom only about 200 persons are of European origin. In addition to Bathurst there are only three other towns of any importance—Albreda, Fort James, and Georgetown.

The Gambia was discovered in 1447 by a Portuguese navigator named Nanez Tristan, and in 1686 some British traders built a fort at the mouth of the river, which was christened Fort James.

Under the Treaty of Versailles (1763) the Gambia became a recognized British possession, and was granted its own government in 1843, (having been under the control of the Governor of Sierra Leone since 1807), whilst from 1888 onwards it has been a Crown Colony, the government being vested in a Resident Governor appointed by the Crown and assisted in the administration of the country by local Legislative and Executive Councils. A company of the West African Frontier Force is permanently stationed in the Colony, and there is also a local force of military police.

The chief products are rubber, beeswax and hides, all of which form the Colony's chief exports.

The Early Postal Arrangements.

Little is known regarding the early postal arrangements of this Colony, but for several years previous to the issue of separate stamps, letters destined for the outer world appear to have been sent down to Sierra Leone by boat, accompanied by sufficient money to defray the cost of postage at the prevailing rates, where, until the entry of that country into the Postal Union, there was a British Postal Agency at Freetown for dealing with overseas correspondence, whence the letters, franked with English stamps would be forwarded to their destination. Owing perhaps to the smallness of the white population and also the fact that Gambia was at that time a dependency of Sierra Leone, no British Post Office was established at Bathurst, although previous to the entry of the British West African possessions into the Postal Union, such agencies existed both in Sierra Leone and the Gold Coast.

The British Post Office at Freetown, Sierra Leone, is believed to have been opened between the years of 1860 and 1865, and before that time all outgoing mail from the Colonies would be conveyed to England and elsewhere by a system then in universal vogue and authorized by the British Post Office, known as "ship letters." This was an arrangement by which the captains of merchant vessels calling at any port where there was no regular post office, were permited to receive letters on board their ships for conveyance to the first port at which they subsequently touched where proper postage stamps and postal service were available.

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—*Philatelic Gazette.*

BALKAN STAMPS.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung* says: The various phases of the Balkan war also found their expression in the postal administration of the belligerent states. Thus at the beginning of the war the Aegean Islands issued special stamps, e. g. Icaria, Mytilene, Samos and Lemnos. Greece surcharged the stamps used in the conquered territories and lately the prospective state of Albania has already undertaken to issue its own stamps. At first Turkish stamps were used there, surcharged with a highly primitive Albanian eagle, but lately a regular stamp has been prepared bearing the inscription "Postat e Severries se Perkoheshme." This stamp was issued in values of 20 para and 1 piastre, i. e. the post office people manufactured their own stamps by printing this stamp on a piece of paper and affixed this to a letter that was mailed. During the last stage Greece has furnished stamp collectors quite a number of provisionals which are among the rarest that have been issued. In the port of Kawalla which they occupied for a time, the Bulgarians had issued their stamps since the beginning of the century. When the Greeks took the place they found a small remnant of these stamps and quickly provided them with a Greek surcharge. Of some of these provisionals only 10 were made, which explains their rarity. When the Greek fleet lay before Dedeagatsh, letters were accepted by the ships for transmission. In the absence of stamps, little square pieces of paper were officially provided with a Greek inscription and the value. When these supplies were exhausted, Bulgarian stamps were surcharged and used as in Kawalla. Very rare stamps are also the provisionals issued in Gumuldshina at 10 and 25 lepta. This town had originally been taken by the Bulgarians, but was then occupied by the Greeks. At the peace of Bukarest it reverted to the Bulgarians who, however, could not occupy it at once, so that the Greek garrison remained there a while longer. During this time Turkish stamps found on hand were provided with a surcharge in several lines in the Greek language and also the Greek coat-of-arms was added. As these stamps, too, were issued only in small quantities, their rarity can be understood. Finally, Bulgaria took occasion to issue a series of war stamps by overprinting the values of 1 to 25 stotinki with a surcharge stating the occasion for their issuing. These were issued in larger quantities. Strange to say, Montenegro has not yet been heard from, so far as the issue of a set of victory stamps is concerned.—(Translation by Rev. Louis Voss.)

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EDITORIAL.

Forbidden—The following letter has been received from the Monopol Stamp Company of New York City: "We beg to call your attention to the latest postal ruling, issued last week, prohibiting all firms who used precanceled stamps to sell their used precanceled and other stamps. We think that the order is a great blow to stamp collecting in general as collectors and dealers will be unable to get United States stamps in quantity; and therefore, we ask you to call the attention of philatelists to the restriction. As we think that the department is treating dealers and collectors unjustly, we believe that a petition to annul the ruling should be prepared. The penalty imposed by the authorities for violation of the order is the revocation of the privilege of using precanceled stamps by the offending firm, for instance. We feel that philatelists should coöperate to protect these firms and consequently, their own interests, which suffer through this unjustifiable regulation. Hoping that you will think it your duty to give the case your special attention, we are," etc.

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Our Suspicions—The foregoing letter is one that will cause some of the dealers and collectors vexation and vituperation, to speak alliteratively. We have not seen a copy of the ruling aforesaid and so cannot quote it literally but the letter of the Monopol Stamp Company reflects the position of the department, we have no doubt. There are several reasons for this belief, the first being that we are sure that our correspondents have told a plain, unvarnished tale and a second is that the action of the authorities was hastened, if not altogether inspired, by statements that have appeared in the stamp press. We have some slight forced conviction that observations such as "What is to prevent the re-use of precanceled stamps?" and similar ones have been taken seriously by the department, which now in its zeal to discourage any possible irregularity issues an edict that is much too radical and a hardship on all stamp collectors. Moreover, it is so sweeping and we cannot believe that the department feels that it can defend its extreme stand that other than used precanceled stamps may not be sold, after the prohibition of the sale of precanceled stamps. If firms that do not use precanceled stamps may sell used stamps in quantity while firms that use precanceled stamps may not, the result is discriminatory legislation of "provoking" kind.

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What Would Happen—That the authorities may consider their attitude rather arbitrary in the precanceled interdiction is suspected from the penalty that is imposed on violators of the order; the punishment, revocation of precanceled privileges, is mostly sentimental rather than material, and while the firm's time is served and saved by the use of precanceled stamps, the department's time is conserved to a greater degree. We cannot say that the penalty is a particularly harrowing one. In the meantime, some of the stamp firms that have been handling precanceled and other used parcel post, etc., stamps and advertising the stamps in quantity have found themselves in a quandary by the sudden drought that has stricken the source of supply. Such firms are in an embarrassing position and will have more or less trouble in explaining the circumstances to customers. By exercising a bit of imagination, it may be seen how a curtailment of the higher values of United States stamps may come about through the observance of the law. As for remedial measures, we do not take much stock in a petition asking that the action of the department be rescinded. Our impression is that a more effective plan would be to write letters to the department, temperate in tone and brief and clear in expression, calling attention to the injustice of the restriction which at best makes a mountain of trouble for collectors to attain a mole-hill of result for the department; and asking that the burden be raised.

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To Be Listed—Recently, Mr. Ray Sanborn, Yale University Library, New Haven, Conn., submitted three copies of catalogue number 2969a, 1896, two cent ultramarine, sixth issue, playing card stamp, in perforated, instead of rouletted condition, to the publishers of the standard catalogue; and by them Mr. Sanborn was informed that they had "made a notation of this variety to be included in the next catalogue." We may add that the watermark on these stamps was as unmistakable as the perforations. The publishers of the catalogue say that it is only through the assistance of friends and correspondents that they are able to note and list varieties which may have escaped their attention.

Little Enough—On some of the sheets of the six-cent Guy lithographed, Newfoundland, type with "colonization z" normal, there is on the 78th stamp of several sheets that we have examined, a thin irregular line of color beginning at the left of "The" in the lower label and extending crookedly down to the "c" of colonization. The interest that attaches to this little imperfection is due to its regular position on the plate.

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Big Doings—The purchase of the stock of Mr. W. H. Peckitt of London by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., London, was a transaction of such magnitude that it has been engaging the thoughts of dealers and collectors alike since the news of the transaction was announced in our advertising columns. The story of the deal in all its details is a most interesting one, we have no doubt. In the retirement of Mr. Peckitt, commercial philately has lost one of its captains. Mr. Peckitt's philatelic acumen has long been celebrated by those who were on terms of intimacy with the trade. The reputation of Mr. Peckitt's firm is scarcely done justice by the remark that it was unblemished as, indeed, Mr. Peckitt seemed always one of the leaders in adopting methods for the more considerate treatment of the buyer. Mr. Peckitt's trade relations with American collectors were extensive and often have we heard of the attentions shown American visitors to Mr. Peckitt's place of business. It is a satisfaction to know that Mr. Peckitt's great business has been acquired by a firm that will maintain its best traditions; and we congratulate Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., London, on having made the magnificent venture successfully.

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Acknowledgments—This year we seem to have received more than the usual number of seasonable greetings in the form of cards, calendars, and other remembrances; and to all those who so pleasantly conveyed words of cheer, we make our best bow. We ask that those who addressed us will accept these lines as an acknowledgment of their kindness. We may add that we were impressed by the exact manner in which most of the foreign correspondents timed the arrival of their greetings which came according to their calculations during the holiday week. The post of the world is a great institution.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

We have received from Bright & Son the 10th edition of their very comprehensive catalog, which by the way is a very substantial book. It will be noted that there has been a general rise in prices, especially in the early issues, nearly all countries figuring in the same. Chalky papers of British Colonials are listed in full, also British stamps used abroad. We note a very fine list of Crete, also of Greece, including all the recent war provisionals and most of which are priced. In the book are 930 pages, an increase of 64 over the last edition.

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—It is reported that a Welsh collector has purchased all of the famous collection, the property of Lord Crawford, with the exception of his U. S. stamps. This news is cabled to N. Y. papers.

—Edw. Stern of the Economist Stamp Co., who made a holiday trip to the Bermudas during the Christmas season, sends us a card as a souvenir extending the compliments of the season.

—J. J. Prendergast sends us a sample of what is apparently a new advertising cancellation. It reads as follows in a pleasing design:—"Help the Hamilton Mountain Sanatorium for Consumptives."

—We are indebted to Sam T. Vary for back numbers of the WEEKLY sent us.

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—I. W. Risdon the past week renewed his subscription to the WEEKLY for six years and he is now paid up in advance for twelve years. He has completely outdistanced any competitor for a long-term subscription.

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—The *Stamp Drummer* opens Vol. IV. with a newsy number brimful of business. It is issued by the Philadelphia Stamp Co. and a sample copy can be had for the asking.

—The Berkeley (Cal.) Philatelic Society held a Christmas observance on the evening of December 28, when a fine spread was served and a Christmas tree provided many remembrances for the society members. We are obliged to the committee for a copy of the menu served upon this occasion.

—Mrs. L. W. Kellogg has purchased the stock of T. S. Clark and an announcement to that effect will be found elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Clark will be remembered as a former dealer in the WEEKLY and we congratulate Mrs. Kellogg upon her enterprise and good fortune.



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—W. F. Slusser, Key West Barracks, Fla., advises us that he has a claim against D. P. Campbell, Kellogg, Idaho, and the same remains unsettled. Other complaints submitted to Mr. Slusser will be given attention.

—We are also informed by R. S. Green of Cincinnati, O., that Frank L. Cook, Pendleton, Ind., applying for stamps on approval gave as a reference a certain person and a letter addressed to him was returned marked "Party unknown." A subsequent letter to Cook was returned with the notation that Cook had left town and address was unknown. It pays to insist on references and to carefully investigate them.

—Members of the A. P. S. and a wide circle of collectors generally, will hear with great regret of the death of Ingaz Stauffer, which occurred December 31. Mr. Stauffer had for many years been interested in philately, both as a dealer and collector, and there will be many to mourn the loss.

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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldredge lists the following new precancels:

Boston, Mass.—(No. 1164). 10c 1912, inverted.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Two lines (HARRISBURG—PA.) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals, 3 mm. high, between lines 12½ mm. apart and 1 to 1¼ mm. thick. 15c 1910.

Joliet, Ill.—One line (JOLIET-ILL) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals, 2½ mm. high, between double lines 9 mm. apart double lines ½ mm. apart and ½ mm. in thickness. 5c 1910, inverted.

Pawtucket, R. I.—(No. 1200). 3c 1910.

Newark, N. J.—Two lines (Newark—N J) horizontal inscription in upper and lower case, capitals with serifs, and 3 mm. high, between lines 10½ mm. apart and 1½ mm. in thickness. 1910, 5c. 1912, 2c.

Nashua, N. H.—Two lines (NASHUA—N. H.) horizontal inscription in capitals 2 mm. high, with serifs, between two lines 11½ mm. apart and ½ mm. in thickness. 8c 1912.

Worcester, Mass.—Two lines (WORCESTER—MASS) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals, 3 mm. high, between lines 11½ mm. apart and ¾ mm. in thickness. 3c 1910, 2c 1912, 4c 1910.

Lynn, Mass.—(No. 1158). 5c 1910, reading down.

Baltimore, Md.—Two lines (BALTIMORE—MARYLAND) horizontal inscription between double lines 13½ mm. apart, ¾ mm. in thickness, 1 mm. between the double lines, inscription in capitals with serifs, letters 3 mm. high. 4c 1912-13, Parcel Post.

Lexington, Ky.—(No. 1200). 1912-13, 2c, Parcel Post.

New Haven, Conn.—Two lines (NEW HAVEN—CONN.) horizontal inscription between two lines 11½ mm. apart and 1 mm. thick, capital letters are 2 mm. high without serifs. 5c 1910.

Springfield, Mass.—Two lines (Springfield—Massachusetts) horizontal inscription in very fine type with serifs, caps about 1½ mm. high, lower case about 1 mm. high, 10 mm. between lines and lines 1 mm. in thickness. 1c 1912.

Wheeling, W. Va.—Two lines (WHEELING—W-VA) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals 3½ mm. high, between lines 13 mm. apart and ¾ mm. in thickness. 3c, 4c, 1910.

We are indebted to George H. Beans for information regarding the new 97 cent stamp books, which contain 48 two cent stamps.

ANGOLA.—The New England Stamp Co. informs us that 24 provisionals have been made for this Colony exactly like those recently chronicled for Cape Verde and Guinea, except the necessary change in the name of the Colony.

BAVARIA.—Mr. Schachne has shown us the complete set of the Orphan Asylum cards, issued for the benefit of the Imperial German Fencing Academy. He has also received some novelties in the regular issues as noted below.

Post Cards for the Orphan Asylum: 3pf brown on white; 4 varieties. 5pf green on white; 4 varieties. 3x5pf green on cream; 2 varieties. 3x5pf green on light brown; 2 varieties.

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BELGIUM.—*The Postage Stamp* is informed that the 20c value has appeared with the larger portrait of the King.

BRAZIL.—It will be noted that the items in Nos. 1200 and 1201, in regard to the new Brazilian official stamps, did not agree either as to the portrait or the high values. Hermann Focke now writes to correct his former statement. The portrait is that of Marshal Hermes as stated in *Maury's Collectionneur*, but the highest value is 1000$000 reis and not 10,000 reis. Mr. Focke sends us the following list of values and colors, but as the latter were taken from printers proofs under artificial light, some variation may be found later.

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50$000r green and black.
100$000r orange and black.
500$000r brown and black.
1000$000r dark brown and black.

CRETE.—*Stamp Collecting* illustrates the stamp issued by the Greek Government, to commemorate the union of Crete with Greece. The stamp is of large size, like the 5d of 1905 and 1d of 1907, and shows a picture of the hoisting of the Greek flag at Suda Bay. Curiously enough the word "Crete" does not appear on the stamp. The total number printed was 300,000, and by order of the Director General of Posts no person was allowed to buy more than 100 at a time, but such was the demand for the stamps that on the first day of issue over 100,000 were sold, and fresh orders were given to reduce the maximum number supplied to any one person to 20 copies only. The Post Office at Canea was besieged by crowds of people buying the stamps, with the result that the supply was sold out in three days.

Adhesive.

25 lepta blue and black.

HONDURAS.—*The Postage Stamp* says that the orange lithographed stamp of last year with portrait of General Bonilla of which 3,000 were issued, was never sold to the public. The patriots of Tegucigalpa bought up the entire issue in one day at two pesos (4sh) each, though the face value is only 1c. A German paper claims it should not be listed. It has as good a claim as the Belgium Charity stamps or the Italian "Big Boys" of last year; all were sold at a premium. In the case of the Honduras stamp, the persons buying it did so out of patriotic reasons, the General being a prime favourite. The proceeds were used to erect a monument.

A. W. Dunning has shown us the one peso value of the current lithographed series, the design being the same as the 5c, 6c and 50c previously chronicled.

Adhesive.

1p olive green.

MAURITIUS.—The *Postage Stamp* reports "specimen" copies of the Georgian 12c have been distributed. The 25c is the only value of the Georgian set that has yet appeared. Champion's *Bulletin* gives the quantities of the Edwardian high values printed thus: 50 cents, 60,000; 1 rupee, 61,080; 2 rupees 50 cents, 10,200; 5 rupees, 30,000; and 10 rupees, 2,400. Our French contemporary asserts that they were first issued in December, 1909, and then withdrawn pending the exhaustion of the large Arms type stamps. This event has not yet taken place, and the question is, what will become of the Edwardian stamps? Will they be re-issued in due course, or will the Georgians appear and the stock of the Edwardians be destroyed?

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—According to the *Daily Express*, "specimen" copies of the Georgian 25, 30 and 45 cents, and 1, 2 and 100 dollars stamps have been circulated. The 45 cents, and 1 and 2 dollars are on the new surfaced-colored

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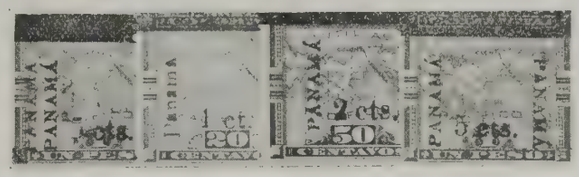
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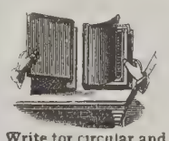
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THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Hanover.

THE SIXTH ISSUE.

A new stamp having the facial value of ½ groschen was issued on April 1st, 1860. The design of this is quite different from that of any of the other values and consists of a posthorn surmounted by a crown, with "HANNOVER" in thick block capitals at the top, and "½ Groschen" at the base. The



whole is enclosed within a rectangular frame with indented corners, outside each of which is a small colored dot.

The die was, presumably, engraved by Herr Brehmer, and the stamps were printed typographically by Senator Culemann. As is so frequently the case with electrotyped stamps, this value shows many small defects in the shape of broken lines and letters, and the appearance of tiny dots in various parts of the design.

This stamp was printed on white, wove, unwatermarked paper, and was issued with rose gum, imperforate. A later printing appeared with white gum.

Reference List.

1860. No wmk. Imperf.
20. ½gr rose gum, Scott's No. 18a.
21. ½gr white gum, Scott's No. 18.

THE SEVENTH ISSUE.

On December 1st, 1863, the color of the 3pf stamp was altered in color from rose to green, and at the same time the inscription on the scroll was changed from "EIN DRITTEL SILBERGROSCHEN" to "DREI ZEHNTEL SILBERGROSCHEN." The former, meaning ⅓sgr, was hardly the correct equivalent of 3 pfennig, as expressed in the centre of the stamp, while the modified inscription, meaning three-tenths sgr, was exactly right.

Apparently the original die was altered by Herr Brehmer, and the stamps were printed by Senator Culemann as before.

The paper was white wove and unwatermarked, the gum was of a rose color, and the stamp was issued imperforate.

Reference List.

1863. Rose gum. No wmk. Imperf.
22. 3pf green, Scott's No. 17.

THE EIGHTH ISSUE.

In 1864 perforation was introduced, the system adopted being a form of roulette known as *perces en arc.* The cuts were curved and close together, and gauged 16. The stamps so treated were the 3pf of the seventh issue, and ½gr of the sixth issue and the 1, 2 and 3gr of the fifth issue. The 10gr had up to this date been in so little demand that none of them were rouletted.

The stamps were the same as before in all other respects, but before the end of 1864 the color of the gum was changed to yellowish or white and so continued until late in 1866, when, Hanover having been absorbed by Prussia as explained in our introductory notes, the stamps were no longer available for postal purposes. The 2gr with rose gum is not known rouletted.

Reference List.

1864. No. wmk. Rose on white gum. Perces en arc. 16.
23. 3pf green, Scott's No. 25 or 25a.
24. ½gr black, Scott's No. 26 or 26a.
25. 1gr rose, Scott's No. 27 or 27a.
26. 2gr blue, Scott's No. 28.
27. 3gr brown, Scott's No. 29 or 29a.

REPRINTS.

The 1ggr of 1850 was reprinted in 1864 but as the reprints are on unwatermarked greyish paper they should be easily identified.

The 1/10th of 1851 was reprinted in 1889 but this can also be distinguished with ease as the paper was unwatermarked and the gum white.

All five values of the 1855-56 issue were reprinted in 1864 and here the best test is the gum, which is yellowish white. The network on the reprints only extends over blocks of four stamps. The 1/10th was again reprinted in 1889 on similar paper and with white gum. On this reprint the network was applied stamp by stamp. The 3pf of 1889 was reprinted in 1889 though this is not a true reprint but rather an "official imitation." A new plate was made from a retouched die in which the ribbon ends of the scroll point downwards instead of outwards. The 3gr of the same issue was reprinted in 1891 in both colors but these reprints can be at once identified by the white gum. The ½gr was reprinted in 1883, the paper being yellowish and the gum white. The only value of the rouletted series to be reprinted was the 3gr but as the gauge is 13½ instead of 16 it is not likely to prove misleading.

WIDE PUBLICITY.

It is most gratifying to note the broadening interest in our subject, science or hobby,—whichever you will. The great International Exhibition so recently concluded in New York, drew perhaps more attention to philately than any other one thing for years. Thousands passed through the Exhibition halls daily during the week of the great show. The newspapers paid tribute to the subject, and during the past month several magazine articles of considerable magnitude have appeared. Notable among these was the fine article in the December Bookman by Mr. Gardner Teall entitled "Plots in Postage Stamps." This article shows a keen appreciation of stamp collecting from an elevated standpoint, and is profusely illustrated. Mr. Teall states in the course of his article: "What stories stamps tell! What note books of modern history they are, little memory joggers we could ill afford to be without! It is a pity that we relegate stamp collecting to the limbo of merely a school boy's hobby. Sanely and sensibly and delightfully, the collecting of stamps can be pursued." This of course intended for the lay reader. Hearst's Magazine for December also has an article and a full page of illustrations of stamps.—*Stamp Drummer.*



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The year 1913 now ended has been a great one for philately, happily great in many respects, but, unfortunately, not less notable in its measure of sorrow. The year opened in the flush of the busiest season the stamp trade has ever known, not only in England but in America. England was reaping the harvest of the Exhibition of the autumn of 1912, a fertile harvest indeed, and one which was still increased by the prospect of the two great International Exhibitions to be held during the year 1913. In the United States, where the prosperity of Philately has been obviously on the ascendant for several years, collectors increased the pace as the time approached nearer and nearer for the New York event of October, 1913.

NEW ISSUES OF THE YEAR.

The issues of new stamps during the year, on the whole, have been of a character well calculated to enhance the interest of our albums, and to bring many new adherents to our cult. In the early days of the year the Romanoff stamps of Russia appeared, giving us a series of unrivalled historical interest, and of a most attractive appearance. An additional glamour soon encircled them with rumours of withdrawal on religious, sentimental, political or fancy reasons. New Year's Day, 1913, saw the advent of the United States Parcel Post, with the fine series of stamp pictures, somewhat spoilt by the monotone of their colour. The Parcel Post goes on, but the special stamps are already abandoned. On January 1st also the United States stamps in connection with the Panama Pacific Exposition were issued. The second day of the year brought the much discussed and abused Kangaroo stamps of Australia, which were, during the year, to supersede all the separate issues for all the Australian States. This supercession is an event of the greatest philatelic significance, and the same year has witnessed the passing of another group of stamp-issuing countries, in the coming of the new Union of South Africa stamps. These and the multifarious products of the Wars in the Near East and rebellions in the West, have served to swell the total of the new issues for 1913, but I can remember no year within a decade or so when the new issues have been of so real and genuine an interest.

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BRITISH COLONIALS.

In the stamps of the British Colonies the process of change necessitated by the accession of His Majesty King George, has been developed to a considerable extent, though it is still far from completion. A spice of novelty has been introduced in the use of surface-coloured paper in place of paper coloured right through, for many of those stamps formerly printed on coloured paper to conform to the Crown Agents' Colour Scheme. The first of these stamps printed on the new paper was noted in the *Postage Stamp* last August.

THE LITERARY OUTPUT.

The year has not been marked by a prolific output of important monographs, the chief being the second volume of the Royal Society's work on New South Wales, and Mr. Chapman's ponderous tome on the Eagle and Maximilian Stamps of Mexico. A work which we have not yet seen, but which promises to be of the greatest interest and value, is the publication by the Philatelic Society of New Zealand on the stamps of that Dominion; this was probably published in New Zealand a few weeks since. Of general handbooks there have been several of genuine interest and service to the beginner, and one which is happily of a class not frequently met with from British publishing houses of high standing. This latter

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has proved of interest, however, in that it has provided the critics with much mirth, and many a copy has been purchased by serious philatelists who find it more unaffectedly droll than *Punch* and *Ally Sloper*.

THE CRAWFORD LIBRARY.

Perhaps the most important event of the year is one the full effect of which will not be apparent for many a day. I refer to the acquisition by the nation of the world's greatest library of philatelic literature, bequeathed to the British nation by the late Earl of Crawford. This wonderful specialized library was transferred to the British Museum some months back, but it will necessarily require many more months ere it can be made completely accessible to the philatelist for study and reference.

TWO GREAT EXHIBITIONS.

The year has been notable for two great International Exhibitions, the first at Paris in June, and the second at New York in October. At each of these Exhibitions British competitors were much in evidence, and secured many of the highest awards. A curiosity was provided in the awards at Paris when a general collection carried off the Grand Prix. In New York, Mr. Henry J. Duveen secured the Grand Prix for his group of specialised collections. The details of these two great Exhibitions have been fully reported in the *Postage Stamp* within the past few months, and no useful purpose would be served by further discussion in this general review of the year.

THE TRADE.

A number of important specialised collections have been sold during the year, including the Bartlett collection of Prince Edward Island, several specialised collections formed by the late Rev. W. N. Usher, Mr. Harland's St. Helena, Mr. Ahrens' Uruguay, Mr. A. Ashby's Ceylon, and many more. In fact there never has been a year in which so many specialised collections of varying degrees of importance have changed hands. But the outstanding event in the trade is that which marks the close of the year and the close of the long and honourable association with the trade of Mr. W. H. Peckitt, whose business has been purchased in its entirety by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd.

THE OBITUARY.

A notable year in every respect, 1913 was also a great year for the grim Reaper. During the first few weeks the philatelic world was mourning the loss of no fewer than three philatelists of the greatest eminence. The Earl of Crawford died on January 31st, M. Pierre Mahé died two days later, and on February 17 Mr. Stanley Gibbons passed away. More recently, the Royal Philatelic Society, which has suffered several very real losses this year, lost its Hon. Secretary, the late Mr. J. A. Tilleard, who was the curator of His Majesty's stamp collections. Of other losses there are many, but the chief names in the obituary list for 1913 are those I have mentioned, and the Rev. W. N. Usher, Mr. W. T. Willett, Mr. I. A.-Mekeel, M. Jean Verjizl and Mr. B. C. Emerson.—*Postage Stamp.*

THE CRAWFORD COLLECTION OF "GREAT BRITAIN" BOUGHT BY A SPECIALIST.

It is reported that the Crawford collection of British stamps has been bought by Messrs. Edwin Healey & Co., on behalf of R. B. Sparrow, of Talybont-on-Usk, Brecknock, at a price stated to be close upon £20,000.

The collection is an admirable example of the historical school of collecting, in which the late Earl was the acknowledged leader. It traces the whole history of the postage stamp in Great Britain from the inception of the first ideas for the prepayment of postage by stamped wrappers and adhesive labels. In regard to the early essays and suggestions the collection is particularly rich, and is written up with much detail evolved by the late Earl from long and elaborate research, in which his literary faculties and his scientific training were used with an admirable appreciation of the factors which were required to raise the level of the philatelic among the other historical sciences.

This collection, compared generally with the other great historical collection of United States formed by his lordship, was stronger in the actually issued stamps, and in addition to containing practically all the great rarities, the "abnormals," and the rare "officials" and "telegraphs," there are sheets and part-sheets of the early line-engraved stamps, which are not to be equalled in any other collection of Great Britain stamps ever brought together. There are nearly complete sheets of the 1d black (175), 1d black V. R. (219), 2d blue "no lines." Mr. Sparrow was already the possessor of a mangnificent display of Great Britain stamps, and of the proofs and essays, and the news of his new acquisition will create the greatest interest in his visit to London on Saturday (January 17th) when he is to give a display of "Proofs and Essays of Great Britain" at the meeting of the Junior Philatelic Society, in the Salisbury Hotel, Salisbury Square, Fleet Street.—*Postage Stamp.*

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"The new Australian 1 penny is just out (Dec. 12) and there has been great excitement the past two days. The entrance to the General Post Office looked like an overflow meeting of the two philatelic clubs here in Sydney.



It is the rule to serve only six to a customer and it is being enforced to such an extent that dealers are not able to supply the trade abroad at anything near the usual rate. Collectors and dealers are getting all they can by sending employees and friends as well as small boys off the streets, to get a 6d worth, and paying premiums for the service.

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The stamp submitted by Mr. Reid is line-engraved, unwatermarked, and perforated 11. It is printed in a fine shade of carmine and the plates thus far seen are numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Saturday evening, January 3, the home of Hon. E. R. Ackerman, Plainfield, N. J., was entered by burglars and jewels stolen to the value of $15,000. The burglars obtained two pearl necklaces and several diamond and pearl rings.

—A local branch of the National Philatelic Society was organized in Boston, Janaury 7, by the local members, who met at the Hayward and established the Boston Philatelic Exchange Club. The following officers were elected:—President, Wm. C. Polk; Vice-president, M. B. Clark; Secretary, W. B. Savary; Treasurer, H. J. Storer and Auctioneer, I. W. Risdon. The meetings of the new club will be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Harry E. Klotzbach (2), Herman W. Boers (6), C. M. Breder, D. E. Lantz, Justin Miller (2).

—Any dealer or collector desiring a convenient and safe coin mailer will do well to correspond with W. H. Price, whose advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue. A sample has been received and we consider it a very satisfactory article.

—R. J. Wagner, Fostoria, O., would like to know the present address of Carl A. Bliss, Kansas City, Mo., who will not reply to letters asking return of stamps sent on approval. He gives Hussman Co. and New England Co. as references.

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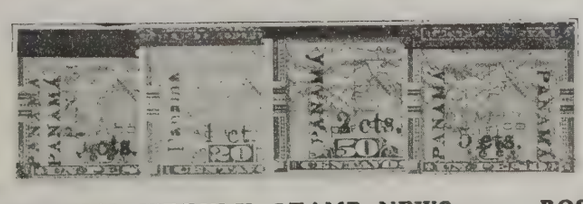
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Mr. Bostwick was an enthusiastic stamp collector and an authority on the issues of the Cayman Islands. At present he has been specializing in Siam stamps. For several months he has suffered from neuritis, and it is the opinion of the family and his physician that this with other worries has resulted in his mind becoming temporarily deranged.

If any trace of Mr. Bostwick is found, the police headquarters of N. Y. City should be notified at once. We trust that the WEEKLY may be instrumental in restoring our long time friend and subscriber to his family.

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EDITORIAL.

Our Letter-Box—It has long been one of the pet suspicions of the reading public that many of the questions asked in the columns of the public prints originate in the mind of the editor and in reality were never received from inquiring readers. The argument of the skeptics is that the editor wants to air his knowledge by asking himself questions that he may conveniently answer or that he merely wishes to fill space. Of course, no one would be so ungenerous as to suspect the WEEKLY of this sort of thing but if by a miracle a doubter should appear, we can say that some of the questions that come to us are all too real. Here is one that proves our contention: "Not leaving the city limits, which would cost more? To send a ton of bricks by parcel post or freight, one brick at a time?" This is our busy season; and so we respectfully suggest to Mr. Lichtenberg that he consult a brick manufacturer, a freight agent and a parcel post schedule and relieve us from the necessity of doing so.

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Once More—A subscriber in New York City writes us appropriately enough on the letter-head of a doctor: "I am a collector of stamps as you probably know. I have tried to stop saving stamps many times but always come back to them. Can you explain to me why this is? Hoping to see an answer in the next issue of your WEEKLY, I remain, A Subscriber." As a diagnostician, we feel that we cannot compete with that ardent champion of philately, Dr. John Milton Holt; and so we shall not attempt any laborious explanation that will not ring true to the medical ear, anyway. However, to quote another doctor of philately, we remember that B. A. Cottlow, M. D., said, at a banquet of the Chicago Philatelic Society in 1895 or so, that philately is an intermittent fever that is never wholly eradicated from the system that it once attacks.

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Bureau Report—The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has issued a report for the fiscal year that ended June 30th, 1913, and, as usual, it contains not a few statistics of interest to stamp collectors. The report will make a useful addition to the files of the collector of United States stamps in particular and it is well worth writing for.

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Fiction—In a short story by Donald Murray, entitled "Glib Mr. Jackson," we read: "I had the best of burglar alarms, somthing new in the way of window fasteners and the place was connected with a police station and a fire engine house. I needed to be secure. I had a collection of coins and stamps worth $15,000, and any burglar who once got in could have taken the whole away in a common gripsack. The newspapers were always speaking of the collection, and I realized that sooner or later some enterprising man would seek to lay hands on it without the formality of a sale." Sure enough, the burglar comes in the person of a *pseudo* life insurance man who had called ostensibly on business but in reality to map out plans for a midnight incursion. Here is the finale: "The police took his gun and a score of skeleton keys, and after a few days he was convicted of burglary and got a sentence of seven years. I was rather sorry about it. Before leaving for prison he informed me that he broke into the house for the sole purpose of taking a clock 100 years old, and that as for my collection, he wouldn't have given me fifteen cents for the whole outfit." The collection was worth $15,000 and the culprit would not have given fifteen cents for it? He must have been a stamp dealer.

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Irresponsible—Our friend, Mr. C. M. Breder sends us an editorial that appeared in the issue of January 3rd, 1914, with "irregardless" underlined in the sentence: "To him these stamps retain their 'rare' look irregardless of the number of times he sees them." He asks: "What do you mean by 'irregardless'?" We do not know. We started to type "irrespective," then switched to "regardless" and the result was "irregardless."

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Coming—We expect to have interesting information regarding the stamps of new denominations of the current set, which, as readers know, is to be augmented by the 7, 9, 12, 20 and 30 cent values. The added denominations are made necessary, as has been explained, by the popularity of the parcels post with the public; and next week, we hope to supply some of the details that are being eagerly awaited by readers.

New Deal—We learn from the *Philatelic Gazette* for December that the high-class monthly in question is now under different management, the J. M. Bartels Company having disposed of its interests in the publication. Mr. John A. Klemann, as business manager, will henceforth publish the *Gazette* whose policy, we understand, will undergo no radical changes. We regret that Mr. L. G. Quackenbush is to relinquish his editorial control as we shall miss his engaging observations and his facile literary work. It is hoped that Mr. Quackenbush's signal ability will not be lost to philately through the mutuations of time, even though there is an insistent demand for his services in other fields.

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An Old Envelope—From Mr. H. H. Jacoby of St. Louis, we have received a copy of a used Elihu Burritt "Ocean Postage" envelope which was sent from England to Germany. Elihu Burritt, the "Learned Blacksmith" of Connecticut advocated many reforms in his day but none did he espouse more vigorously than that of "ocean penny postage" for Great Britain. Mr. Jacoby's used envelope was one of a number of varieties issued to further Mr. Burritt's campaign in Great Britain, about 1850, to achieve the boon. The design of the envelope is after the Mulready and on the bannerettes is the rallying cry: "From Thee the World Expects Britain! an Ocean Penny Postage, To Make her Children One Fraternity." Ocean Penny Postage was this, in Burritt's words: "That the single service of transporting a letter, weighing under half-an-ounce, from any port in the United Kingdom to any port beyond the sea, at which the British mail-packets may touch, shall be performed by the British Government for one penny; or one penny for its mere conveyance from Folkestone to Boulonge, Liverpool to Boston, etc., and *vice versa*. Thus the entire charge upon a letter transmitted from any town in the United Kingdom to any port beyond the sea, would be two pence:—one penny for the inland rate, and the other for the ocean rate."

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The Coign of Vantage—"I saw a man who looked like the Philadelphia mint give a twenty dollar bill in payment for a ten cent packet at the stamp shop. What was this the height of?" asks a small-bore philosopher. We suppose that it is the summit of self-sufficiency or something on that order.

TITLED PHILATELISTS.

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CHAPTER LV.

Louisiana Purchase.

In the year 1904 a "World's Fair" was opened in St. Louis. This event commemorated the centennial (100th anniversary) of the purchase by the United States of a great territory through the Mississippi Valley and middle west, from France. This was called the Louisiana Purchase, and from this the stamps take their name. The series are sometimes also called "St. Louis stamps" on account of the advertising given to the city and its exposition.

This series, oblong in shape, resembling in form the Columbians, consisted of five denominations—1 cent, 2 cents, 3 cents, 5 cents, and 10 cents. The first deliveries to postoffices by the United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing were on April 22, 1904.

1 Cent—portrait of Livingston—issued April 22, 1904. Shades—bluish green, green, light bluish green. Number issued 79,780,021.

2 Cents—portrait of Jefferson—issued April 22, 1904. Shades—several of carmine. A striking shade, reddish orange, is scarce. Nearly a complete sheet was first uncovered and later, several other small lots were found. It has been asserted that this shade is a changeling, due to exposure to the light, but I am deeply inclined to doubt this opinion.

Variety—imperforate horizontally.

Total number of stamps issued—192,733,221.

3 Cents—portrait of Monroe—issued April 22, 1904. Shades violet, deep violet. Number issued—4,543,421.

5 Cents—portrait of McKinley, issued April 22, 1904. Shades—deep blue, dark blue, indigo. Number issued—6,927,521.

10 Cents—design, map of the United States, with portion containing the Louisiana Purchase in shaded engraving. Issued April 22, 1904. Shades—red brown, deep red brown. Number issued, 4,012,021.

NOTE.—The writer has not been able to secure a satisfactory classification of shades of the above and of other stamps, for the reason that collectors (myself with them) have varying ideas as to the correct naming of the very slight differences. To avoid any discussion as to whether a stamp may be called reddish lake or deep carmine, etc., I will, in the future, simply give the total number of shades resting in my own collection, except in the case of an unusual shade which may be called a rarity.

CHAPTER LVI.

Jamestown.

The Jamestown exposition, held near Norfolk, Virginia, in 1907, was considered ample provocation for the issue of a new series of commemorative postage stamps of three denominations—1 cent, 2 cents and 5 cents. The stamps are oblong in shape, somewhat smaller than the Columbians and Louisiana Purchase, with ornamental engraving. The data is—

1 Cent—portrait of Capt. John Smith—issued April 25, 1907. Shades of green, four. Number issued, 77,729,641.

2 Cents—design, "Founding of Jamestown"—issued April 25, 1907. Shades of carmine, five.

5 Cents—portrait of Pocahontas—issued April 25, 1907. Shades of dark blue, three. Number issued, 7,981,441.

(To be continued.)

ST. LOUIS CELEBRATES.

The annual banquet and installation of officers of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society was held on Tuesday evening, January 6, 1914. A feature of this event was the invitation of ladies to attend, which was accepted by a number of the fair sex. During the progress of the banquet it was unanimously voted that any member might propose the name of his wife, sister or affianced lady, for honorary membership, which should be granted.

The officers who were installed were: President, T. C. Mann; vice president, R. H. Eilers; secretary-treasurer, Frank E. Goodwin.

President Mann announced the following appointments: Entertainment committee, Chester Myers, chairman; Wm. J. H. Anschuetz, R. H. Eilers; Obituary committee (of which the president is ex-officio) F. R. Cornwall, W. H. Marston; Auction manager, S. M. Schoemann; Exchange and sales superintendent, F. D. Collins; Librarian, R. H. Sisson.

Chester Myers exhibited his collection of precancels which was awarded a prize at the International Exhibition in New York, together with the medal awarded to it.

H. A. Diamant showed a wonderful collection of Canal Zone stamps, specialized.

F. N. Chase displayed his splendid collection of the stamps of France.

R. W. Boissalear exhibited a very complete collection of used United States adhesives.

Regular meetings of the stamp society are held each first and third Tuesday evenings in each month at the rooms of F. R. Cornwall, Chemical building, Eighth and Pine streets.

FRANK E. GOODWIN, Sec.-Treas.

PAPERS COME AND PAPERS GO.

We have become so accustomed to the visits of the *Philatelic Gazette* under the Bartels management that it will seem like the loss of a friend to have it appear from another quarter, certainly so until we have become used to the new order of things. The J. M. Bartels Co. announces that hereafter the *Gazette* will be published by the Philatelic Publishing Co., Mr. Bartels connection with the publication being that simply of a staff writer. We wish Mr. Klemann, who will take up its business management, a large measure of success.

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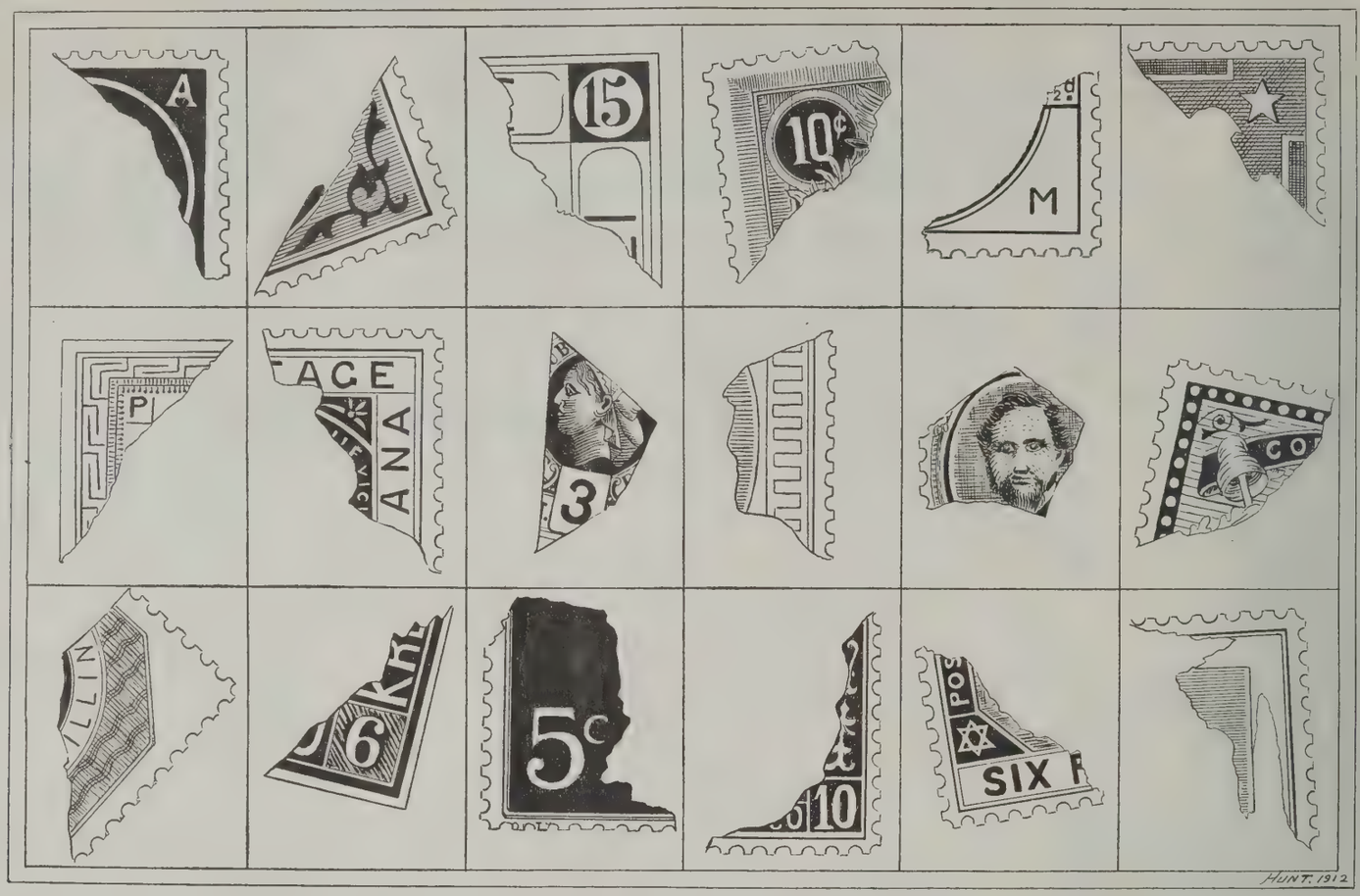
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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

AUSTRALIA.—F. W. Reid sends us various values of the Kangaroo stamps, with official perforations. Included in the lot are the 2d, 3d, 6d, 1sh and 2sh values perforated large "OS" for Commonwealth use, and the 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d and 6d values, perforated small "OS—NSW" for use in New South Wales. Mr. Reid writes that the current New Zealand officials, are being sold unused at face. These include Scott's Nos. 521, 528, 532, 533, 535, 538, 540, and 541, and also the old 5sh green, Scott's No. 257, overprinted "Official." No. 541 is catalogued at $40 used by Gibbons and has been sold at high prices for mint copies recently.

The following was taken from the Melbourne *Argus* of November 19, 1913:

"When the first issue of new Australian stamps bearing the King's Head instead of a kangaroo, are placed on sale, no person will be permitted to purchase more than six at any one time. The reason for this restriction is that the postal authorities anticipate a rush by philatelists for the first specimens of the new design, and as it is intended to print only a million at the beginning, every effort is to be made to distribute this limited supply as widely as possible. The preliminary million, which are at present being struck off steel plates, will be ready for sale on Monday, November 24, and the Postmaster-General has directed that they are to be made available in each State on a population basis, which will mean that the Victorian quota will be about 300,000. It has already been explained that about 450,000,000 penny stamps are used every year in the Commonwealth, but owing to the pressure on the printing branch of the Federal Note Department it will be quite impossible to overtake the ordinary business demand for the new design of stamps for many months."

From another source, we gather that the design for the new 6d stamp is taken from the second prize design submitted in the recent competition. The new "hookaburra" shilling stamp is from a drawing by Mr. Blamire Young, who prepared a number of specimens for the previous Postmaster General. The King's Head will appear only on the 1d, 2d and 2½d values.

BELGIUM.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* is informed that Belgium is to shortly issue a railway postal packet stamp of 55 centimes.

EGYPT.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* reports that a special printing of the official overprint on the 5m stamp, without the Arabic inscription and in a slightly thicker type. Only enough were printed to last until the issue of the new permanent series.

GREAT BRITAIN.—W. F. Gregory sends us specimens of the different shades and printings of the current King George 2d stamps, as noted in No. 1201.

GREECE.—*Lemaire's Journal* reports that the 3l and 20l values have been added to the lithographed set, the 1, 2, 5, 10 and 25l values having previously been chronicled.

HUNGARY.—We find that we have omitted to formally chronicle the new printings of the 12f, 50f and 60f on colored paper.

Adhesives.

12f violet on yellow.
50f rose on azure.
60f green on salmon.

MOZAMBIQUE.—According to the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* reports the issue of 24 provisionals, like those previously chronicled for Angola, Guinea, Cape Verde and St. Thomas & Prince.

NETHERLANDS.—According to *Postzegelnieuws* the 1½c postage stamp and 1½c letter card will be hereafter printed in dark blue. The 50c value of the current postage set is to be changed to gray and lilac.

NICARAGUA.—A. W. Dunning has shown us another provisional in the Cordoba series. This is a double provisional like the ½c noted in No. 1196. The 15c on 35c Mountains has been again used, the first overprinted value being obliterated by a heavy black line, and "1ct. Cordoba" printed just above the "Correos—1913."

Provisional Adhesive.

1c on 15c on 35c green and chestnut.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—While the surcharged provisionals for various colonies are still coming, it appears that the Portuguese Government has commenced to put on sale at Lisbon the new stamps of the Ceres Type of the following Colonies: Angola, Cape Verde, Congo, Guinea, Inhambane, Lourenzo Marques, Mozambique, Quelimane, St. Thomas & Prince, Tete, Portuguese India and Timor. The design for all of these is that used for Macau and chronicled some time since. For the first ten colonies the series will be composed of stamps of ¼, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 5, 7½, 8, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, and 50 centavos and 1 escudo; for Portuguese India, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4½, 5, 6, 9 and 10 reis, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 12 tangas and 1, 2 and 3 rupias; for Timor, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 16, 20, 40, 58 and 76 avos, 1 and 3 patacas. This statement is translated from *Lemaire's Journal.*

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The following amendment to the Constitution will be voted on:—Art. VIII: Sec. 4, add after the fourth word "shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner as the officers referred to in Art. III, Secs. 1, 2 and 3."

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

I find quite a number of letters from correspondents on various subjects awaiting attention and before proceeding with Mecklenberg-Schwerin, in the series of Stamps of the German Empire, it will be as well to deal with these. A Canadian reader writes as follows:—

1.—I have a 4d South Australian stamp on part of original cover postmarked "Melbourne, Victoria." Can you suggest how this came about? This depends on the stamp. If one of the earlier issues it was probably cancelled at Melbourne because it had escaped cancellation at the town of mailing. If one of the recent issues used during the last 12 months or so it is due to the fact that just pending the issue of a uniform series for the whole of Australia the various States' issues were available for postage in any state and not only in the one whose name they bear.

2.—A few days ago I came across an envelope on which was charged 4c postage due, but the Post-Office clerk, instead of affixing the usual Postage Due stamps, just put on two ordinary 2c postage stamps. Is this envelope worth keeping? Yes, the cover is certainly worth keeping. The ordinary stamps were used owing, most probably, to the fact that the clerk had no Postage Due stamps on hand.

3.—I noticed on a ½ anna Patiala surcharged stamp that the top part of the letter "T" in the word "STATE" was missing. Is this to be considered as a variety or as a poor copy? This is a minor variety of practically no philatelic importance. All sorts of similar varieties may be found on the Indian stamps overprinted for use in the Native states.

4.—I have an unused 2c Canadian stamp which is only perforated about three-quarters of the way down. Can this be classed as a variety? It is a variety, certainly, but of very minor interest. It was probably caused by careless feeding of a sheet of stamps into the perforating machine.

5.—In some manner I got hold of a stamp which does not appear in Scott's catalogue. It appears to be printed in violet on blue green paper. In the foreground of the picture is a lake with what appears to be ships sailing on it, while the background is composed of mountains, among which is a train. The whole is surmounted by a star and crescent. The inscription along the four sides reads as follows:—"Dbsr. Local Post, Kustendje and Ozernawada, 20 Paras." Can you classify this stamp for me? This label is not included in Scott's catalogue because it is merely a local stamp. I haven't a local catalogue by me at the moment but from the inscription, value and star and crescent in the design it is obviously a Turkish local.

6.—I am only just a beginner but I feel I should like to turn my attention to some special country, the stamps of which are both moderate in price and interesting. I find this a very difficult task and if you can give me any advice on the subject I shall be grateful.—It is a good plan for the beginner to concentrate on one country at a time and when he has obtained all the varieties of that country he can afford to turn his attention to another one. As a start the smaller countries are best and such countries as Sarawak, Seychelles, Crete, Bulgaria, Denmark, Norway, Egypt, Congo Free State, etc., are fairly easy to complete and, omitting errors, have few high priced varieties among them.

A reader writing from Ridgefield Park, N. J., writes as follows:—"Please tell me what is meant by 'grille' and how to distinguish an embossed stamp."

A *grille* is a pattern of small embossed dots usually arranged in the shape of a square or rectangle and occasionally covering the whole of the stamp. Grilles are found upon certain of the stamps of the United States and Peru. The postal authorities had this grille (or "grid" as it is sometimes called) applied to make the removal of a cancellation from a used stamp impossible. The embossing or grille had the effect of weakening the substance of the paper and made it highly absorbent. Thus when the stamps were cancelled a fair amount of the postmarking ink was absorbed by the paper and any attempt at cleaning off the cancellation simply resulted in the destruction of the stamp.

Embossed stamps are those in which some portion or the whole of the design is in relief, or raised, as in the case of the United States envelope stamps now in use. Stamps are embossed in much the same way as letter headings, seals, etc., and the embossing may be perfectly plain on colored paper, or the raised portions may be in white with the rest of the design in color.

A Los Angeles reader writes:—I am stumped over two stamps I recently found in an old collection and would appreciate any information you could give me:—(a) Measures 27x20 mm. Color, yellow orange. The Central design shows a three masted steamship under steam. In the four corners are the numerals "5" on shields. Between the shields is the inscription "Cinco Republica Cents Del Paraguay," reading from left over to right. Poorly lithographed, cancelled by bars enclosed in a circle. (b) Peru, Scott's No. 22, perf. 13½, poorly lithographed, the color being much duller than usual.

The label described as (a) is a bogus one purporting to have been issued in Paraguay while (b) is a common counterfeit.

SHORT REPLIES.

E. A. S. (Milwaukee)—One could hardly believe in the bona-fides of your stamp as a part-perf. unless found in a pair.

R. D. K. (Philadelphia)—It is purely a matter of opinion. Some envelope collectors prefer them entire and others prefer the stamps cut out with a nice wide margin around. Personally we think it is a question of whether one collects stamped stationery or envelope stamps. If the former then it is imperative the envelopes be kept entire, but if the latter then one wants only the stamp and as much of the surrounding "stationery" as is necessary to set it off properly.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE STAMP CURE.

BY ARTHUR IRWIN SMITH

Mrs. Andrews stood in the doorway, white-faced and with fingers tightly pressed in her palms. Something had happened, but she did not know yet what it could be. Johnny Phillips was running wildly up the road which led to her house. As he drew nearer her heart skipped several beats and she felt weak and trembling, for the child was excitedly calling to her: "Fix the bed, Mrs. Andrews, quick!"

"What is the matter?" she gasped.

"James—James—he fell—" Johnny panted.

"Is James killed?" Mrs. Andrews screamed.

"He's hurt. We boys called some men. They're bringin' him now. He fell outen the chestnut tree."

Resisting the impulse to run from the house to where her son was, she mechanically arranged the bed, then stood tensely waiting in the doorway.

It seemed like hours to her before the men reached the house with their unconcious burden. To her relief, the doctor alighted from his motor-car almost at the same time, and quickly began an examination.

His inscrutable countenance gave her no hope and the suspense was almost greater than she could bear. James was her all, for she had seen husband, parents, and sisters buried. How could she give him up? Already he was beginning to be such a comfort and help. He was nearly fifteen years old and one of the most studious boys in the school. Every one predicted great things of her boy. How often had she cautioned him not to be so daring, but always he had showed no fear when he was in dangerous places.

"Well," grunted the doctor, "I do not think he is hurt internally, but he has a bad fracture of the left leg. When I get that fixed up, he'll be all right."

Mrs. Andrews swayed and grasped the foot of the bed. "Thank God, it's no worse than that," she breathed.

Before leaving, the doctor admonished her to keep James perfectly quiet. He might become a cripple for life, if the limb was disturbed. It is easier to tell anyone not to allow certain things, than it is to enforce the command. Mrs. Andrews found it hard to carry out the doctor's admonition.

James was a boy that possessed a great store of energy and he had always managed to dispose of a part of it each day. He became impatient and restless, and his mother was unable to keep him quiet. He had read all the books they had, and she could find nothing to read to him which was really of interest.

His teacher, Miss Clarke, came to see him just at a time when he was most impatient. While she talked he was quiet, but his mother knew that as soon as she was gone he would begin to worry because he could not go to school as the other children were doing.

"I should have known better than to climb up an old brittle chestnut tree," he moaned as Miss Clarke left.

"Yes; but you must try to be brave and lie still," she replied from the doorway. "To-morrow I will bring you something which will help you pass off the time, provided you will promise to be good."

James smiled as he promised. He tried to keep his promise, too, and discovered that he suffered much less when he was not worrying so much over his confinement.

The next day Miss Clarke came with a package, and for an hour she helped him sort its contents. The doctor came in while they were so busy, and stood puzzled over the transformation of his patient. The boy's eyes were shining as he held the tiny bits of paper up for his inspection.

"What are you about?" he cried.

"Miss Clarke has brought me some new stamps. There are so many here that I wanted to see. I only had a few and I had studied them until I knew all about them. Now I can have such fun with these. I'll get mother to hunt up the places they came from in the Geography and read to me about them. Then I'll put them in my album. Oh, I'll have plenty to do now."

He certainly did find something to pass away the time. His mother allowed him to order a lot of stamps, and when he was entirely well and strong again his collection was a beautiful one, the best selected and most carefully arranged of any in the district.

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Stamp Books.—The revenue upon the stamp books issued during the year, derived from the 1 cent charged for each book above the value of the stamps contained therein, aggregated $269,581.10. Cost of manufacture was $77,056.34, leaving $192,524.76 to defray cost of distribution.

The stamp books have proved so popular with the public and so advantageous to the department that it has been regarded advisable to improve them. Accordingly a better quality of paper board has been adopted for the covers and the cover designs have been made more attractive.

Action has also been taken to issue two new stamp books, one containing twenty-four 1c and twenty-four 2c stamps, to sell for 73 cents, and the other containing ninety-six 1c stamps, to sell for 97 cents. The twenty-four 1c: 2c book was placed on sale October 25, 1913, and the ninety-six 1c book will be issued shortly.

Commemorative Stamps.—The series of four postage stamps described in the last annual report of this office, issued to commemorate the opening of the Panama Canal and the discovery of the Pacific Ocean, was placed on sale January 1, 1913, except the 2c denomination, which was first issued January 18, 1913.

A model of the Pedro Miguel Locks was used as the subject of the 2-cent denomination, and the title was first erroneously engraved "Gatun Locks," but the mistake was discovered before any of the stamps were issued, and all of those which had been printed were destroyed by burning. The title was re-engraved as "Panama Canal," and the stamps are being issued with that title.

The first print of the 10-cent denomination was found to be of too light a shade, and in response to a request of this department dated April 9, 1913, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing adopted a darker shade of ink. These darker stamps were first issued by the department August 25, 1913.

Window Envelopes.—Window envelopes are envelopes having an opening or a transparent panel in the front, through which the address upon the inclosure is disclosed. These envelopes have met much opposition on the part of post-office and railway-mail employees because of difficulty experienced in deciphering addresses, leading to demands that the envelopes be barred from the mails. They possess merit, however, chiefly in that addressing is eliminated, and the advantages to the business public undoubtedly outweigh their disadvantage to the postal service. Much of the objection to window envelopes arises from improper folding of inclosures and illegible addressing, and believing that these difficulties could be minimized by regulation, Order No. 7303 was issued by the Postmaster General July 10, 1913, prescribing the position of the window in the envelope, prohibiting the use of colored windows and requiring them to be as transparent as possible, requiring the use of return cards, and directing that if inclosures are not folded to fit the envelope properly, or if the address is illegible, the envelope shall be laid aside for treatment after disposition shall have been made of other mail. These regulations should result in a marked improvement in the manner of using window envelopes, and have already led to improvement of the envelopes themselves by manufacturers.

New Postal Cards.—The new No. 4 1-cent card mentioned in the annual report for 1912 was not issued, but in its place the Postmaster General has approved the preparation of a design containing the portrait of Thomas Jefferson, and the engraving is now under way. The card will be printed in green ink.

The No. 5 1-cent card is now printed in green ink instead of red, which considerably improves it and conforms to the color scheme recommended by the Universal Postal Union Convention. It was first placed on sale July 29, 1913.

Saint Thomas y Principe

had recourse, lately, to a provisional issue down in those little islands as the supply of stamps from Lisbon had not arrived. The authorities took the 1902 and 1903 emissions issued under the Monarchy and printed them "Republica" in an old fashioned serif type.

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KEEPING OF STAMP ACCOUNTS.

By FRANK L. APPLEGATE.

Some two months ago a request appeared in the WEEKLY bearing the signature of Catano Fratus, asking the readers to write descriptions of different methods of keeping records of stamp collections. I have waited with considerable curiosity to see what elucidations would be called forth by this request, but so far none of our contemporaries have come forward with the desired information.

I am now prompted to give a brief exposition of my book keeping methods, not with the idea of impressing them upon others as the most desirable system, but in the hope that interest in the subject may be stimulated thereby, and a full discussion called forth resulting in placing the best methods before our readers. I have made a study of stamp accounting ever since I first began collecting in my boyhood days twenty years or so ago, when I carefully tabulated the results of each month's collecting in a blank book made for that purpose, one for each year, when all I had to collect were copy after copy of the common stamps then current.

I presume most collectors make a practice of marking in some way the stamps to be found in their collection in the Standard Catalogue. This is a simple and convenient way of keeping track of one's stamps furnishing a ready reference list, always at hand, when the collection itself may not be. During the formation of my first collection which I disposed of several years ago this was my practice.

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The basis of this annual statement, in fact of my whole system was my Record of Correspondence and Acquisition which I have always kept, and which has now reached the fourteenth volume and contains a complete running record of all correspondence and philatelic transactions from the beginning of my collecting career until the present. For this I buy the common blank record books with about eight by eleven inch pages, bound in half leather, ruled with red date line only and containing 150 to 300 numbered pages. In this are copied all letters received as well as all acquisitions to my collection in red ink. All correspondence emanating from my pen are in black. After recording the date in the date column, the name and address of my correspondent comes just opposite, then the body of the letter, no space being taken up with the merely formal part, nor of course with my own name. The letter A (for abbreviated) following the name and address privileges me to cut the letter either "to" or "from" to its main propositions.

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At the end of each month I check up the results of my acquisitions and carry them to the annual statement. This is ruled in across two adjoining pages toward the back of the book, rulings running both ways of the page with proper headings at top and left sides. The page is divided vertically into as many columns as there are different classes of stamps to be recorded separately, with a column at the end for totals.

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Thus the last line of the page shows the totals of each class on hand the last of the year culminating in the grand total of all varieties in the collection at the foot of the last column.

One who wishes to keep an accurate record of his collecting activities without copying all his correspondence could keep a list of his acquisitions as they come in making up his statement each month and carrying to the annual statement just the same.

Formerly I carried the current catalogue value totals along under each item in my statement, correcting them to correspond with the new quotations in a special line added for that purpose after the total line mentioned before. I no longer do this. I have grown to regard the changing catalogue value of my collection of relatively small importance, and have adopted an entirely different method from marking the catalogue. Another reason for this is that I collect a good many lines such as U. S. Beer stamps and the different kinds of State Revenues and stamped paper which do not appear in the standard catalogue.

I now keep another book big enough to allow a line for each possible variety to be collected in all the various lines in which I am interested. The book I am using is about four by six inches in size, bound in red leather and ruled both with date column and columns for dollars and cents in red.

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Of course, when I have a running exchange account with some correspondent, as I frequently have, this matter becomes quite complex—and correspondingly interesting. These values appear in the same column as net cash prices, to the right of the exchange value.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Postage Due—From Mr. Gordon Dalrymple, we have received the following letter: "A friend of mine in Seattle, Washington, has sent me, on part of covers, two copies of the regular issue U. S. postage used for postage due purposes. The specimens are stamped with a rubber stamp 'Due—Cents.' I am advised that the postman told him that the supply of regular postage due stamps having become exhausted at the Seattle office, this method of surcharging was resorted to. I did not write you before, as I thought that I would see some reference to the stamps in the paper but now conclude that the facts are not in possession of collectors in general. Would the stamps so used have any additional value?" We have a vague recollection of having heard of these stamps through a clipping that we intended to publish if we did not. There was a time when novelties of this kind would have created something of a sensation among philatelists who gave special attention to United States stamps but now, to such amplitude has the field grown, such emergency issues are given only passing notice. It is only fair to say that such varieties have an added value but it is one that is scarcely reducible to dollars and cents.

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Auckland's Advertisements—In the *Australian Stamp Journal* for December, Mr. Smyth has a description of his experience in purchasing the Auckland exhibition stamps on December 1st, when the stamps were placed on sale concurrently with the opening of the exhibition. We gather that these stamps may be bought only at the Exhibition; and then only in lots no greater than five shillings' worth to one person. This is an amusing restriction and but poor ingenuity is required to evade it; and with characteristic candor Mr. Smyth tells how he bought his fill of these exclusive stamps. We wished particularly to call attention to Mr. Smyth's declaration of principles in regard to exhibition stamps: "These stamps were altogether unnecessary for postal purposes. They were issued merely to advertise the Exhibition and I think this method of doing so at the expense of collectors should be stopped." In this country, too, there are not a few who think that special issues are detrimental to the best interests of philately but it is curious that the opposition to these stamps seems to diminish with each succeeding commemorative issue by the United States.

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His Autograph—A reader who noticed the remarks about H. St. George Offutt, an officer first in the national post office department and later in the postal service of the confederate states, has handed us for examination an envelope, the three-cent, 1857, red on buff, covered with the letter-press frank: "Confederate States of America. Post Office Department. Official Business." Just above the fifth and last line of the frank, "Chief of the Contract Bureau," is the inscription in ink, "H. St. Geo. Offutt." The envelope bears the Richmond postmark of April 8, 1863, and the impression, "Free". If we remember correctly, the finance and the contract bureaus were the only departments to have the franked envelopes, overprinted on stamped envelopes of the federal government.

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New to Us—A very interesting example of postal performance on a bank note of the confederate states has been shown us by Mr. W. H. McDonald, Chicago. The bill is of the denomination of one hundred dollars and is a promise of the confederacy to pay that amount according to the usual formula, together "with interest at two cents per day." The note was signed at Richmond, August 16th, 1862; and it must have been sent to the paymaster at Charleston, S. C. When it was placed in circulation there, it had to be dated in some way, as, of course, interest would not be computed for the time it was in the possession of the paymaster. So, the Charleston postmark was applied to the note which bears a plain impression, "Charleston, S. C., Sep. 9, 1862," on the reverse side.

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For Our Collection—Mr. Henry R. Cowan sends for the "edification of the snake and freak editor, two documents which though not of philatelic value, ought to be worth something as showing how Uncle Sam conducted his postal business in the olden time." Mr. Cowan's contribution is in the shape of two bills for postage submitted by a postmaster in the year 1838. The printed bill reads: "Dr., Brown & Clark to L. Buffin, P. M., to Letter Postage from Oct. 1 to Jan. 1, 1838, $4.47¾; to Newspaper Postage, .39; Box, 1838, .25; Total, $5.11¾. Received Payment, Samuel Buffin, Orono." Orono is a post office in Maine. This old bill is a companion piece of one that we have of the year 1797.

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He Was Impressed—Recently "Buffalo Bill" was in Chicago where many attentions were shown him. He was entertained by a collector there, among others, and in the course of the evening, Mr. Cody, in reciting reminiscences, dwelt upon the pony express days. It happened that the collector had just acquired three envelopes, two of the ten cent and one six cent stamped envelopes of the 1853 issue, each bearing one or a pair of the Wells, Fargo pony express stamps. "Buffalo Bill" was intensely interested in the stamps when at an opportune moment they were handed to him; and said that he had not seen a copy since the time he was a pony express rider. "Who knows," he said, "but what I carried one of these very letters." "Buffalo Bill" was the most noted of the pony express riders, he having been employed by the western freighters, Messrs. Russell, Majors and Waddell, the firm that established the Central Overland California and Pike's Peak Express, known as the original "Pony Express," in 1860. "Buffalo Bill's" adventures as an express rider were thrilling and it may be added, innumerable. The name, "Buffalo Bill," by which Mr. Cody is universally known, was bestowed on Mr. Cody when he was filling a contract to furnish buffalo meat for the workmen engaged in building the Union Pacific Railroad.

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Just For Fun—B. M. Randall, M. D., Graceville, Minnesota, writes: "Apropos of the freak cancellation, you say in a recent editorial that 'the government does not loan its dignity or approval to frivolity of that kind.' What would the government think of the enclosed return notice?" The impression in question is on an envelope that was "returned to writer," and is the rubber-stamped outline of a forsaken little girl, with a handkerchief held to her face, while below is the significant explanation, "Unclaimed." We suppose that what may be called these auxiliary markings do not come under the head of cancellations; and that the postmaster is allowed latitude in the selecting of them. From the fact that we have seen sets of these "figures" including this "unclaimed" Niobe, advertised in a paper circulated among the postmasters of the country, we infer that the P. M.'s may buy their own rubber stamps and spend their own money as befitting their sense of artless humor.

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Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—As will be seen by the advertisement of the Ararat Stamp Co., this firm has moved to new quarters at 66 New St., N. Y. City. Mr. Mozian advises us that the new location is much more advantageous than the old. He has a commodious corner office only one flight up.

—We have received from the U. T. K. Stamp Co. a list of the quantities issued of the Macao Provisionals of October, 1913. We may use the same in an early issue of the WEEKLY.

—We have been favored this past week with a call from Percy McG. Mann, publisher of the *Philadelphia Stamp News*. Mr. Mann was visiting Boston to attend the annual meeting of the New England Philatelic Society. His stay in Boston was necessarily brief.

—We are indebted to J. J. Prendergast and H. H. Reiners for back numbers of the WEEKLY desired for files.

—The catalog of the Geo. W. Linn Co. sale to be held February 3 is deserving of more than ordinary mention, from the fact that there are more than fifty copies of the 5c and 10c 1847 listed. More than four hundred lots of the sale are given to U. S. stamps and the catalog is well worth perusing.

—By courtesy of J. J. Prendergast we have seen a picture postcard of a decidedly philatelic flavor. Upon the card is an enlarged illustration of the English 7d national health insurance label which has already been pictured in the philatelic press. The label appears in a handsome shade of carmine and bears underneath this inscription "This stamp will take a bit of licking."

—The International Stamp Co. has removed its offices from DeGraff, Ohio, to Covington, Ohio. J. L. Cramer of the latter city being an important factor in inducing the Company to make the change. Larger and better quarters have been secured, while the mail and express service will surpass that previously enjoyed by the firm. The Covington *Tribune Gazette* in welcoming the new firm to the town expresses its appreciation of the change, and gives the International Stamp Co. a hearty reception.

—We are indebted to A. R. Butler for a copy of the annual report of A. M. Dockery, Third Assistant Postmaster General.

—Alvah G. Clark, Trenton, N. J., sends us a note of warning concerning Clive & Sons, Birmingham, England. While the amount involved is small, Mr. Clark justly feels that his order should have been filled and the return of the registered letter receipt signed J. Margoschis convinces Mr. Clark that his remittance was received. Moreover, Mr. Clark included return registration fee in the amount sent Clive & Sons.

—The date of P. M. Wolsieffer's select sale is announced in this issue. The attraction will consist of some of the properties of Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Howes and the late Capt. Paddock. The noteworthy lots are in profusion and a summary shows 28 lots of the 5 cent New York; 22 lots of 5c and 10c, 1847; several St. Louis; 27 Hawaiian numerals; 12 Sydney Views, etc.,—in all 601 lots of most interesting character. The sale will be held in New York at the new rooms of the Collectors' Club.

DEATH OF BEN G. GREEN.

After an illness of barely a week's duration, Ben G. Green died of typhoid-pneumonia at his home, 5220 Magnolia Avenue, Chicago. The death was in the nature of a shock to his friends, some of whom were at the meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society of January 8th, 1914, which Mr. Green attended. Mr. Green was secretary of the Chicago Numismatic Society and a member of different philatelic societies. He was present at conventions of the American Philatelic Society and at Put-in-Bay last year, he was a delegate. While primarily a numismatist yet his philatelic bent was well developed and his business devoted to both coins and stamps was a flourishing one. The patronage that Mr. Green enjoyed at his office in the Masonic Temple, Chicago, came from all over the world. Mr. Green's auction sales of coins were a feature of his business, his death having interrupted one in preparation. Mr. Green was kindly and affable and had a host of friends among collectors who feeling their own loss can sympathize deeply with Mrs. Green and Miss Green in their bereavement. At the funeral of Mr. Green on January 20th, there was a number of collectors; the interment was at Rose Hill.

SONORA AND JAMAULIPAS.

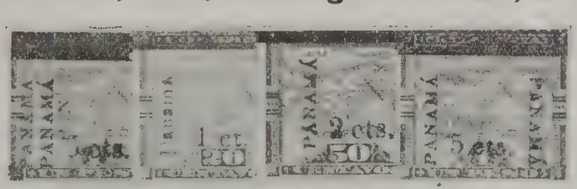
Carranza.—This is the name of the rebel general. There is no state so named. Carranza now has control of all the northern states from the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of California. He has ordered the Sonora stamps to be withdrawn, and the Jamaulipas issue is now used on all mail. Federal stamps when on rebel territory are regarded "postage due." Mexico City merchants when writing to northern states use both Federal and rebel stamps to ensure delivery.

Jamaulipas.—This set (lithographed, eagle with out-stretched wings) is sold in the custom houses or revenue offices, but are regarded as postage stamps. The "talon" or coupon at bottom of each stamp is retained by the office as a check on number sold and each office must always have on hand against call of inspector the amount of stamps or talons charged against it. However, some postmasters, not understanding rules, have sold stamps with talons.—*Postage Stamp.*

A NOVEL FEATURE.

The response to our "novel feature" was not such as for us to vote it a success. The contestants were so few in number that we shall not name them but take this opportunity of giving first honors to C. P. Frey of Utica, N. Y. We have been pleased to forward him a suitable award.

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Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

REMOVING PAPER FROM STAMPS.

From H. H., of Terre Haute, I recently received the following letter:—

"Please give me directions for soaking stamps from paper. Is hot or cold water different in action, and which is best to use? Does soaking in any way mar or dim the stamps, and is two or more soakings detrimental to the clearness of the engravings? I soaked some red 2c U. S. stamps and they colored the water, and they afterwards showed as if the stamps had been printed on dull red paper. Is this of frequent occurence with stamps or was three hours too long to soak them?"

Three hours certainly *was* a trifle too long and had some stamps been mistreated in this manner I fear there would have been nothing of the design left at all. To use an Irishism the best way to soak stamps is not to soak them at all. The problem of removing the superfluous paper from the backs of postage stamps is one every collector runs up against sooner or later and it is impossible to give any absolutely general rule for removing this paper, as not only do the colors used in postage stamp production vary to a considerable extent in their composition, but the processes by means of which the stamps are printed also have to be considered. As a rule line-engraved stamps will stand immersion in water without harm but this immersion should only be long enough to completely moisten the paper, five minutes being a much more suitable period than the three hours quoted by our correspondent. Some stamps, like the old line-engraved British and similar ones from the Perkins Bacon establishment, can be soaked in hot water with safety. Other stamps, like those of Russia and British Colonials printed on chalk-surfaced paper are irretrievably spoiled if they are allowed to get wet. Naturally one has to be a fairly experienced collector to know exactly what treatment may be accorded every stamp and for the average individual some method is required that may be employed with safety for practically any stamps. To start with one requires an unlimited stock of patience and the greatest care must be exercised in handling the stamps from which it is desired to remove the paper. This latter will be gained by experience and at first it will be as well to practise with a few common stamps before attempting to remove the paper from stamps that have any particular value. The apparatus required is simple and costs but a few cents, viz:—

1. Two pieces of fairly thick glass measuring about six inches square.
2. A few sheets of good white blotting paper.
3. A thin, blunt-edged knife.

To remove the paper from the stamps cut three or four sheets of the blotting paper to the exact size of the pieces of glass. Saturate the pad thus formed with clean water, taking care that though it is well soaked it is not absolutely sopping or dripping with moisture. Place the wet pad on one of the pieces of glass and then lay on the stamps face upwards; that is, so that the backs of the stamps come in contact with the wet blotting paper. The other piece of glass should then be placed on top and gentle pressure applied. This can best be obtained by piling a few heavy books on top. After about ten minutes the gum which holds the unwanted backing of paper in place should be sufficiently moistened to allow the paper to be easily removed. Take one stamp for trial. Gently insert the point of the knife blade under the edge of the stamp and if the gum is sufficiently dissolved the paper will peel off quite easily. Do not, however, attempt to pull the paper off by force or the result will be a badly torn stamp. If it does not show signs of coming off easily place it on the pad a little longer. By following this method the face of the stamp is never wetted nor does the paper of the stamp become thoroughly soaked. Care should be taken after removing the top piece of glass to thoroughly dry it before replacing, as one cannot always be sure it will occupy exactly the same position as before. After having successfully removed the paper the stamps should be placed face downwards on a clean, dry piece of blotting paper and allowed to dry very slowly. If this process is hastened the stamps will probably curl badly or even crack. When the stamps are quite dry they are ready for mounting in one's stamp album.

In removing stamps from covers without destroying the covers it is only necessary to moisten the paper at the back of the stamps with a small camel's hair brush until the gum is moist enough to allow the stamps to peel off quite easily.

SHORT REPLIES.

J. A. R. (Mount Oliver).—The check stamps you describe are very common and have practically no value. (2) The stamp of which you send sketch is a common revenue stamp of Austria.

H. G. B. (Erdenheim, Pa.).—I fear there is no way of detecting the watermark on the 1898 stamps of China. The paper is a little thinner than the unwatermarked variety. (2) Gibbons' or any other foreign catalogue gives illustrations of United States stamps.

J. V. W. (Farina, Ill.).—I cannot understand why you cannot identify the United States stamp you mention. It is the common 3c of the 1851-57 issues, being No. 33 in Scott's catalogue if imperf. and No. 44 if perforated.

J. H. M. (Bolton, Conn).—The French stamps and also those of Monaco you describe are revenue ones. The New Zealand stamp watermarked "W" instead of star is of little philatelic interest. It is simply from a sheet so out of position that the marginal watermark falls on the top or bottom row of stamps. The letter is part of this watermark *i. e.* "NEW ZEALAND."

M. M.—A new printed album the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. have just issued or are about to issue should meet your case. This eliminates all the rare varieties such as the average collector is never likely to obtain. I fear no blank album would meet your wishes if you do not feel capable of mapping out the pages to allow room for the varieties you are likely to get.

T. H. A. (Bradley Beach, N. Y.).—According to Scott's catalogue the difference between the original and re-cut die of the 2c envelope stamp of 1904 is as follows:—"The original die has one short and two long vertical lines at the right of CENTS. On the re-cut die these lines are different and usually all short. The lettering is heavier on the re-cut die and the ends of the ribbons have been slightly changed. (2) There is, I believe, a 1c as well as a 2c Postal Savings envelope.

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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldredge submits the following list of new precancels:

Mansfield, Mass.—Two lines (Mansfield—Mass.) horizontal inscription between lines 15 mm. apart, lines ½ mm. thick, capital letters 4 mm. high. 5c, 6c 1910.

Bristol, R. I.—One line (BRISTOL—R. I.) horizontal inscription in capitals with serifs, between two very fine lines 7½ mm. apart, presumably a roller stamp. 4c 1910.

Westerly, R. I.—Two lines (WESTERLY—R. I.) horizontal inscription in capitals with serifs, 3 mm. high, between double lines 14 mm. apart, outside lines 1 mm. in thickness, and other line a hair line. 2c 1912.

St. Louis, Mo.—(No. 1158). 15c, 25c, 1912-13 Parcel Post.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Two lines (BROOKLYN, N. Y.) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals 2½ mm. high, between lines (double) 13½ mm. apart and ½ mm. thick, with fine hair lines before and after Brooklyn and N. Y. 1c, 10c, 15c 1912.

Portland, Me.—One line (Portland—Me.) repeated twice between two bars 15 mm. apart and 2 mm. thick, evidently a roller stamp. 1c 1912.

Boston, Mass.—(No. 1164). 3c 1910.

Harrisburg, Pa.—(No. 1202). 6c 1910, inverted.

Scranton, Pa.—Two lines (SCRANTON, PA.) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals 2 mm. high, between lines 12 mm. apart and ½ mm. in thickness. 1c 1912.

D. H. Graham sends us a used copy of the Dayton envelope, variety 1, on amber, watermarked "USSE 1911," on the new knife. These are the first seen on this knife.

Mr. Graham also reports having seen during the Christmas rush many new precancels. The San Francisco precancels are getting quite common on Panama Pacific, as well as parcel post and general issue.

Fred L. Pauly sends a leaf from 1c stamp book, which has a clean cut perforation 10. Mr. Pauly does not say what value book the leaf came from. As this is the first we have seen, we are unable to say whether it is a freak or an experiment; and does it indicate a change in the regular issue also.

CANAL ZONE.—Gerald D. Bliss sends us a novelty, issued in the Zone, Jan. 7. The new 10c for Panama being overprinted "Canal—Zone" in small type, in two lines both reading up, the type and arrangement being like the 10c or 13c of 1911, but without the value. The stamp is the type of the ½c of 1911, with imprint of American Bank Note Co. at the bottom. The value is expressed in "centesimos de Balboa." The color is the same as the 13c formerly surcharged for this value, which has thus far not been reported from Panama.

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As is generally known, many post offices used precancelled stamps of their own manufacture during the Christmas season and Franklin S. Smith calls our attention to the precancelling done on the Montclair, N. J. stamps. A N. Y. City firm furnished a rubber roller with "Montclair, N. J." repeated in two horizontal lines. On the second line the name appeared just under the spacing in the line above and we are advised that all kinds of varieties of impressions were obtainable. This same method of precancelling was in vogue in other offices judging from specimens of precancel stamps that have been shown us.

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UNITED STATES RAILROAD CANCELLATIONS PRIOR TO 1861.

By CARROLL CHASE, M. D.

A few years ago I submitted in this paper a list of about a dozen or fifteen railroad cancellations on the 3c 1851. Since that time many more have been noted both in the 1851 issue and other early issues, so that I now have a record of about fifty different cancellations of this class. The number of early railroad cancellations is much larger than I at first supposed. This new list is here given, and is put in the form of a table for convenient reference.

Pen cancellations are not listed, for it is often impossible to tell whether the railroad name was written by a mail clerk on a train, or by the sender to indicate the route. An oval hand stamp reading "Memphis & Charleston Rail Road Office, Memphis" has been seen on a cover bearing a 3c 1857 cancelled "Memphis Ten. Nov 29 1860." I think this merely means that the letter came from the company's office and is not a railroad cancellation. For this reason it is not listed. "WAY," "STEAM" and similar cancellations, while sometimes used on railroads, will be considered in a separate article.

In the list the name of the railroad or railroad route is given in the first column exactly as it appears in the postmark. The next four columns are for the following periods in order: (1), Prior to Aug. 1, 1847; (2), Aug. 1, 1847, to July 1, '51—while the 1847 issue was current; (3), July 1, 1851, to Feb. 24, 1857—while the 1851 issue was current; (4), Feb. 27, 1857, to Sept. 1, 1861—while the 1857 issue was current. The various colors of ink found are noted in these columns. The last column is used for explanatory notes when necessary.

If not otherwise stated in the last column, it is to be understood that the cancellation is in the ordinary circular form with the date (month and day only) in the center. After the main list is given a brief list of these cancellations that have not yet been fully identified.

The writer will be pleased to see, for the purpose of listing, any railroad cancellation not here given, or to have submitted on approval any such, or any listed that are not marked by a star, this star indicating that the cancellation is already in my collection. *None later than Sept. 1861, are wanted.* Address 1050 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Name as it appears in the postmark.	Before Aug. 1 1847	Aug. 1 1847 To July 1 1851	July 1, 1851 To Feb. 24, 1857	Feb. 24 1857 To Sept. 1 1861	Remarks.
Baltimore Rail Road		blue			
Baltimore R. R.		red	black*	black*	In one straight line. No date.
Balt. & Ohio R. R.			black*		Baltimore & Ohio R. R.
Boston & Albany R. R.		red*	red* black		
Boston & Fitchburg R. R.			black* blue*		
Boston & Maine R. R.		red	red* blue*		
C. Z. & C. R. R. Ohio.			black*		For what do these initials stand? Columbus Zanesville & Cincinnati?
Cayuga & Susqh. R. R.			black *		Cayuga & Susquehanna R. R.
Central Ohio R. R.			black *		
Cleveland & Erie R. R.			black*		
Concord & Montreal R. R.		blue			
Conn. River R. R.				black*	Connecticut River R. R.
Eastern R. R.		blue	black* blue*		
Eastern R. R. Ms.		blue	blue*		"Ms" means "Massachusetts".
Housatonic Rail Road 5		red*			Circular postmark. No date. Large 5 in center.
Ill. C. R. R. from Tamaroa				black*	Shows year date.
Kenebeck & Portland R. R.			black*		
Little Miami R. R.		red			
L. I. Rail Road N. Y. 5		red*			"L. I. Rail Road N. Y." is between two circles. Large "5" in the center. Date (month & day) written in by hand, below the "5".
Louisville & Frankfort R. R.			black *		
Madison & Indnpls R. R.		red			Madison & Indianapolis R. R.
Mic. Central R. R. Mic.		black*	black*		Michigan Central R. R., Michigan.
Morris & Essex R. R.			black*	black*	
N. H. & Bellows Falls R. R.			black*		N. H. means New Haven.
New Haven & Bellows Falls R. R.			black*	black*	I am not entirely sure of my 1851 cover.
N. Haven & Greenfield R. R.		red			
N. Orleans Opelousas & G. W. Rail Road Co.			blue*		For what does the "G. W." stand?
N. Y. & Boston Stmb. & R. R. R.				black*	N. Y. & Boston Steamboat & Rail Road Route?
N. York & Erie R. R.			black*		
N. York & Erie R. Road			black*		I am not entirely sure of this one.
New York & Erie R. R.		red*	black*		
N. York & Harlem R. R.			red*		
N. York & N. Haven R. R.		red*	black*		
N. York & Phila. R. R.			black*		
New York & Phila R. R.		blue	black*		
Northern R. R.		blue*			
Philada Rail Road		blue			Reads around the circle so that "Rail Road" appears bottom side up.
Philada Rail Road		blue.			Does not read around the circle. "Rail Road" appears right side up.
Philada Rail Road		red*			In one straight line. No date.
Philada Rail Rd.			black*		
Pha. & Baltimore R. R.			black*		Philadelphia & Baltimore R. R.
Phila. & Baltimore R. R.			black*		
Phila & N. York R. R.			black*		
Phila & Pottsville R. R.			black* blue*		
Portsmouth & Roanoke R. R.			brown*		
P. H. & Fishkill R. R.			black*		Providence, Hartford & Fishkill R. R.
Prov. & Wor. R. R.		blue*	black*		Providence & Worcester R. R.
Raleigh & Gaston R. R.			brown* blue*		
Richmond & Danville R. R.			blue*		
Richmond Rail Road		blue			
Rock Island R. R.			black*		
South Carolina R. R.			blue*		
U. S. Express Mail Albany N. Y.	red*				
U. S. Express Mail Boston Mass.	red	red*	red* black*		
U. S. Express Mail N. York, N. Y.	red*	red	red* black*		
Vermt & Massts R. R.		red*	black*		Vermont & Massachusetts R. R.
Virginia Central R. R.			black*		
Washington & Phila. R. R.			black*		
Wilmington & Raleigh Rail Road.		blue	blue*		
Wil. & Ral. R. R.			blue*		Also seen on cover with no stamp except an Honour's Carrier.

PARTLY IDENTIFIED.

——s & clea—			black*		
——— & Richmond			black*		
——— R. R. Pa.			black*		
——— Pa. R. R.			black*		
——— Housatonic R. R.			black*	black*	Oval. Probably shows name of a town or city at the top.
Greenv—— R. R.			black*		Greenville? & ?
—— ess Mail Eastport ——			black*		Probably "U. S. Express Mail Eastport Me."

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8a red violet	.50
12a brown on red	1.80
1r slate	2.75
1r green and carmine	1.35
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6a olive bistre	1.00
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8a dull mauve	1.00
12a brown on red	1.80
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" 1r grey	1.35
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1885-97, black surcharge, 9p carmine	.60
" 1r grey	1.12
" 1r carmine and green	.55

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* 95	1867	5c 9x13 grill (o. g. fine)	8.10
95	1867	5c 9x13 grill (good)	2.60
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100	1867	30c 9x13 grill (good)	1.95
*101	1867	90c 9x13 grill (o. g. excellent copy)	25.50
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*116	1869	same (no gum, fine)	3.10
*117	1869	12c green (o. g. fine)	2.00
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It is an opportune time for us to say a word that will tend to strengthen the already strong bond of fellowship existing between the WEEKLY and its subscribers. For more than a score of years we have been engaged in the building of a great paper and the measure of our success can be gauged by a glance at the contents of this particular number.

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We have a right to feel proud of our record. Papers come and papers go but we keep right on, in the even tenor of our way. If there is one person in the world who knows how to build a paper it's "the editor" and if he does not understand the job one of two things will happen, the paper suspends or the editor seeks a new field of endeavor. Philatelic editors and writers on both sides of the water have frequently declared that the WEEKLY is fit only for the waste basket but somehow the fates have been kind to us thus far and severe with our critics.

In this number are articles of great merit. Mr. Howes has a word for the new collector. Mr. Wiley begins a splendid article, while Mr. Poole's "Lubeck" and Mr. Goodwin's "United States" make a nice table of contents. We cater to the general collector and will allow the specialist who seeks information about the dotty varieties of Afghanistan and the Deccan to find it elsewhere. We might add that we have a series of articles by Mr. Wiley on U. S. stamps that will prove of great interest.

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WHAT THE NEW COLLECTOR SHOULD LEARN.

By C. A. Howes.

Foreword.—In the early days of stamp collecting the collector was happy. He knew but little about stamps and the few dealers knew but little more. He took whatever came his way, for there were no catalogues such as we know now and few price-lists, so that his main supply was from friends and correspondents; and twice happy was he who had some one in a foreign country to send him a good selection for his album. Now all is changed. Such stamps as our friends supply us with are generally what every one can get with perfect ease and the really desirable ones must be obtained from the dealer or in the auction-room unless, as before, the collector is twice happy in having a friend or correspondent abroad who will look out for him.

Advice Needed.—Nowadays the recruit, be he young or old, has so much put before him that he is generally at a loss where to begin and what to do. He picks up a catalogue and finds in it not only a list of stamps in themselves, but varieties of perforation, paper, shade, watermark, imperfections or slight differences in the design and different types of surcharge. Then there are many kinds of albums from the printed one with a "space for every stamp issued" to the blank one in many volumes with removable leaves and each page supplied with a "mat." The dealers' price-lists come in with packets, sets and single stamps, and the attractions of approval sheets, and a host of periodicals, whose existence he hardly suspected, suddenly turns up. If he be quite young he will generally ignore all but the smaller albums and trust to his friends for donations of stamps to fill his blank spaces and to "swapping" with the other young collectors for obtaining varieties he lacks. But if he be older, and it is for these mainly that we are writing, he will, especially if at all serious about taking up the pursuit, be thankful for advice and help from those who have already been through the mill and can therefore give him pointers.

General Collector.—It seems to be the opinion of most experienced collectors that the best start can be made as a general collector; that more can be obtained in knowledge, both philatelical and otherwise, that better experience will be obtained toward future plans for collecting and that the collector can "place" himself better when he finds he has reached certain limitations in his collection and desires to retrench in certain lines and branch out more in others.

Printed Album.—The first essential thing is a printed album containing spaces for all the main varieties that the governments of the world have issued. This will serve as the principal guide to the collection and give a better idea of the extent and progress of it than a catalogue and a blank album. The smaller printed albums will do for the boys, but nothing less than a thoroughly up-to-date one should be obtained if one is really serious in his intentions to make a good collection. A standard catalogue should also go with the album to serve as a basis of purchase and exchange and also because it contains much more information than the album generally gives. I have found it convenient to check off the stamps in the collection by placing a pencil dot beside the price, used or unused, as the case may be, thus making a handy catalogue of the collection to take with me for reference purposes.

The Large Variety Packet.—Equipped with these two books, the novice has his tools and lacks only his material. To obtain this the best way is to begin with one of the large variety packets, for with many of these an excellent selection of the commoner stamps can be obtained for the most reasonable expenditure. It may be that several such packets could be selected, knowing the range of each, which would yield but few duplicates and fill in the album to the best advantage. But when the limit

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Condition.—But one thing right here: In any case use care in the selection of your specimens. Better a blank space than a torn or heavily canceled stamp or one with the perforations partly clipped off or otherwise damaged. In some cases of great rarities this rule will not hold good because one is glad to get some of them in any condition, but this class is small, and with the great majority of stamps, and particularly the low-priced ones, there is absolutely no necessity for any but fine specimens, and if the collector takes pride in his stamps, which means he will be careful in collecting, he will find it pays in the end. Care should also be used in removing paper from the backs of specimens before mounting them, pulling off hinges, etc., often damaging the stamp. Most stamps can be soaked, preferably in hot water, and dried on blotting paper, but a few like Russians, early Bulgarians, current United States due stamps, 1885 issue of China, recent British and British Colonial stamps having green in their coloring, and stamps printed on "chalk-surfaced" paper are affected by water and should not be immersed in it. A piece of wet blotting paper against the back until the paper is damp enough to remove is the best way to treat them. Of course, mounting is only to be done with hinges, and care should be used not to soil stamp or page when it is done.

Used vs. Unused.—As between used and unused stamps the collector himself is the best judge. The used are generally the cheaper, and one's pocketbook must be taken into account with most collectors. The unused are handsomer, of course, and perhaps pay better in the end as an investment, but with the true collector a stamp is no less desirable because it has a postmark on it if it is in good condition. I have found it very satisfactory to get the lower values in sets unused where they did not cost too much, particularly if used copies were very cheap and common, and fill out the higher values with fine used specimens. When one can it is nice to have sets all unused, but it is not necessary unless one elects to collect only unused or intends to hold stamps merely for the return they will bring at some future time, and that is not true collecting.

Want Lists.—After the approval selections come the want lists, and when the collector has reached this stage his collection has obtained good proportions, and most of his blank spaces represent stamps well worth looking for. While traveling the road thus far, however, it is well to see that sets are filled up as much as possible, or at least that there are no gaps up to the values where a limit may have been set as beyond the collector's means. The present set of United States can readily be obtained through the dollar value at moderate prices, but if the collector does not care to pay quite as much as the $2 and $5 will cost him let him see that all values are represented up to the $2. A full set looks better and is more of a pride and credit to its owner than a broken one, and oftentimes the stamp one lacks is the very one others lack, and it is a good rule then not to let up until it is found, for such generally prove to be good property. Carry these same ideas into a country. If it is an easy one to make a good showing in be sure and complete it as far as possible, but do not, while you are "learning the ropes" and making your general collection, go too far into the minor varieties listed by letters under the major varieties which are numbered in the catalogue. It is not necessary, it will cost much more, and may result in discouraging you entirely.

What to Avoid.—Avoid reprints, specimens, essays and the like while you are a general collector, though these are well enough for specializing and then often add much interest to the collection. But in regularly issued stamps I would advise the beginner to take whatever comes along until his experience and inclinations can serve him as a guide in branching out on lines he finds most to his taste. The album provides spaces for and the catalogue lists all the adhesive postage, envelope and wrapper stamps. The latter two should be cut square to fit the spaces provided unless one prefers to keep them entire. Postal cards should never have the stamp cut out, for it does not comprise the whole design. Keep the whole cards if they interest you. As for locals, it would be best to fight shy of them, for there are so many reprints and counterfeits that the novice is very apt to be taken in. Most American albums have spaces for our revenue stamps and they certainly are very attractive and many very cheap. Foreign revenues and telegraph stamps are also interesting and many are as handsome as some of our own. Spaces are not provided for these in our albums, but if they strike the collector's fancy there is no reason why he should not put them in a blank book as a side collection, and then if his interest warrants it, some day he can turn his attention to them in earnest.

Specialism.—It is by picking up everything in this way at first that the collector finally learns what branch of our hobby appeals to him most, and finally when his collection has reached a point where it is too much of a drain upon his time and purse to keep on in the old general lines, he branches out, selecting one or more countries as his favorites and becomes a "specialist." Then he can revel in shades, types, watermarks, perforation, paper, gum, etc., as he never could before, and the experience and knowledge gained in his general collecting will stand him in good stead. But it seems to me a mistake to sell all the rest of one's collection, as many do when they begin to specialize, for often the specialty is determined by the popularity of some country and when this wanes and another takes its place the special collection may be laid aside or sold and the new candidate necessitates starting all over. Better it is, if one can afford it, to keep the general collection as a basis for one's fancies in specializing and then there is always something to fall back on when fashions change.

A Final Word.—Finally, "study your stamps," learn all you can about them, read carefully the "Hints for Collectors" at the beginning of the Standard Catalogue until you feel you have all the information therein by heart and can apply it to the specimens you come across. Learn to distinguish quickly the different types and methods of printing. Study your postmarks and obliterations, for these are often of great help in determining the status of certain stamps, and false cancellations can then be often detected. All this you will find comes easily as you progress with your collection. Then to keep up with the times, subscribe to a good stamp paper, one that has an excellent chronicle of new issues—you can do no better than MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS—and you will derive knowledge, pleasure and profit from one of the most interesting and adaptable pastimes that has sprung up for many centuries.

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CHAPTER LVI.

Issue of 1908.

During the year 1908 plans were perfected for a change in the designs of the postage stamps. Late in November the first lot of the new issue was delivered to the postoffices; and at intermittent periods during the last two months of 1908, and in January, 1909, the stamps appeared. Twelve denominations were issued, as follows: 1 cent, 2 cents, 3 cents, 4 cents, 5 cents, 6 cents, 8 cents, 10 cents, 13 cents, 15 cents, 50 cents and $1. The stamps were printed on paper with double line watermark.

The total number of stamps of this issue, up to and including Dec. 26, is 31,136,152,520. The following is given:

1 Cent—portrait of Franklin—issued December 12, 1908. Shades, from light green to deep blue green, seven. Number of stamps issued, 11,781,510,200.

Varieties—on blue experimental rag stock. Number issued 1,480,000.

Imperforate.

Book leaves—issued December 4, 1908. Number of stamps issued in this form, 541,008,000.

Coils—perforated vertical and horizontal, issued April 4, 1910. Number of stamps in coils issued, 94,309,000.

2 Cents—portrait of Washington. Issued November 28, 1908. Shades—light carmine to deep lake, 11. The later shade was discovered in St. Louis, and is a fairly scarce shade. Total number of stamps issued, 15,588,019,200.

Varieties—on blue experimental rag stock. Number issued, 1,494,000.

Book leaves—issued November 18, 1908. Number of stamps issued in this form, 958,315,320.

Coil—perforated vertically and horizontally, issued April 10, 1910. Number of stamps in coils issued, 254,465,000.

Imperforate.

3 Cents—portrait of Washington. Issued December 28, 1908. Shades—reddish lavender to deep purple, 5. Total number of stamps issued, 322,852,200.

Varieties—on blue experimental rag stock. Number printed, 4,000, in ten sheets.

Coils—issued January 26, 1911. Total number of stamps in coils issued, 3,548,500.

4 Cents—portrait of Washington—issued December 28, 1908. Shades, light reddish brown to deep brown, 4. Number issued, 464,845,600.

Varieties—coil issued April 13, 1910, perforated horizontal and vertical. Number of stamps issued in coils, 3,184,000.

Imperforate. Blue experimental rag stock, number issued, 4,400.

5 Cents—portrait of Washington—issued December 23, 1908. Number issued, 563,003,200. Shades, light blue to deep blue, 5.

Varieties—coil, issued April 9, 1910, perforated horizontal and vertical. Number of stamps issued in coils, 2,090,000.

Imperforate. Blue experimental rag stock. Number issued, 4,000.

6 Cents—portrait of Washington—issued January 4, 1909. Shades, pale vermilion, vermilion. Number issued, 190,046,200.

Variety—blue experimental rag stock. Number issued, 5,200.

8 Cents—portrait of Washington—issued Dec. 19, 1908. Shades, olive green, 3. Number issued, 102,589,200.

Variety—blue experimental rag stock, number issued, 4,000.

10 Cents—portrait of Washington—issued January 9, 1909. Number issued, 220,247,700. Shades, lemon orange, lemon yellow, pale lemon yellow.

Variety—coil, perforate vertically. Number issued (about) 10,000.

Blue experimental rag stock. Number issued, 4,000.

13 Cents—portrait of Washington—issued January 12, 1909. Number issued, 2,910,400. Shades, sea green, dark sea green.

Variety—blue experimental rag stock. Number issued, 4,000.

15 Cents—portrait of Washington—issued January 21, 1909. Number issued, 41,049,200. Shades, ultramarine, 3. Variety—blue experimental rag stock. Number issued, 4,000.

50 Cents—portrait of Washington—issued January 16, 1909. Number issued, 1,845,400. Shades, pale violet, 2.

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—For back numbers of the WEEKLY sent us we are indebted to J. D. Evans and Shirley C. Read.

—The Rochester (N. Y.) Numismatic Association recently held a banquet at the Hotel Rochester at which the Rochester Philatelic Society was their guest. During the evening a resolution was passed on the death of Ben G. Green of Chicago, who was a member of the numismatic society.

—The Passaic (N. J.) Stamp Club, organized November, 1913, meets every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m. in the Y. M. C. A. Building in Passaic. J. S. Van Ness, President, A. E. Landratter, 58 Irving Pl., Secretary.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Donald Rolph (3), Hugo Kuenstler (5), Hillard Dusang and J. Fischer (5).

—We are indebted to the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. for a priced catalog of the firm's auction sale held Jan. 14-15. If any of our subscribers wish to know the price any lot secured we shall gladly furnish the information upon receipt of an addressed stamped envelope. Our space just now is being taxed so severely that we are unable to give auction quotations.

—The United Stamp Company has bought from Mr. Edward M. Rosenthal his collection of stamps on original cover, consisting of issues of the 19th century. Mr. Rosenthal's collection which is now to be sold at auction was an interesting one and included a good sprinkling of rarities, particularly in U. S. and Confederates. We predict that it will not be long before Mr. Rosenthal will be avidly specializing in this or that country.

THE LATEST FROM MEXICO.

Our esteemed correspondent, H. R. Howard, favors us with further particulars concerning new stamp issues just appearing in Magdalena. They consist of a 1c blue, 2c olive, 4c violet blue, 5c green, 10c carmine, 20c brown, 50c and 1p. They show an eagle holding in his beak a reptile, while at the top in a curved frame is the word "Mexico" and on the two sides "Correos-Transitorio". The value is at the bottom. This set replaces the "ejercito constitucionalista" set, which has been called in and its use for postage prohibited. This latter set was issued primarily for use as revenues, as evidenced by the absence of the word "correos" and by the attached "talon" or coupon, which is a characteristic accompaniment of the internal revenue stamps of Mexico.

On account of the elaborate system of stamp tax on all kinds of documents, checks, bills of sales, etc., anybody doing business in Sonora uses a great many more revenue stamps than postage. Many probably found it convenient to buy their stamps at the revenue office and when postage stamps were required they were made by simply detaching the coupon. Thus the Post Office Department was getting the worst of the situation and this accounts for the change in design.

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EDITORIAL.

His Argument—A protest has been received from a collector for whose opinion we have much respect. He says that he has been buying used United States stamps from the 1847 through the 1879 issue and to carry out his intention, he requires a considerable number of each stamp. He finds, of course, the greatest variation in condition of the stamps that are available for purchase and he says incidentally that as a rule the prices asked for really fine copies exceed catalogue quotations, in the case of several issues, if the stamps are obtained from several dealers who seem to have an appreciation of the difficulty in obtaining perfect stamps of the kind. He does not object to paying catalogue or more for superb used specimens but he points out the lack of uniformity in the prices asked by dealers. For instance, he has bought the thirty-cent, 1861, in perfect used condition from one dealer for fifty cents and from another for $1.25, no question of special cancellation being involved. Our monitor does not complain about the price but rather about their wide variation. He maintains that under present conditions which he has thoroughly tested the transactions are unfair to the dealers who sell the particular stamps at the low prices as well as to the collectors who pay the high prices. As an example, he says that he was charged two dollars for one stamp and that the price of another in exactly the same condition was seventy-five cents. He says that he found himself feeling sorry for the dealer who asked him only seventy-five cents! Our correspondent's solution of the problem is brought to the door of the cataloguers whom he wants to list certain issues of the United States under two headings, "fair" and "fine," with prices accordingly.

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Not New—The foregoing presentation of the case is interesting but it is not a new phase of the condition question that is developed. The plea for the dealer is somewhat ingenuous but we cannot become lachrymose in commiserating the dealer aforesaid for selling for fifty cents a stamp for which another dealer realized the swollen price of $1.25. If the stamp is worth the higher price and a collector buys it at half or less of the amount, the collector becomes the satisfied patron; at least he loses nothing,—and we have a suspicion that the dealer does not. While we should like to see "fair" and "fine" columns of prices for at least a few of the United States issues in the American catalogue, yet the cataloguers now say that their prices in the U. S. section are for fine copies and that average copies should be quoted at lower prices. Inferentially, stamps that cannot meet the standard of "fine" naturally suffer in value.

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Knowledge Is Power—Condition appreciation comes with stamp experience, not to say stamp knowledge. As it is, the informed philatelist knows what condition expectations apply to the stamps of different countries. Dealers have no monopoly of philatelic knowledge and discriminating collectors are made aware of that fact by the privilege that they enjoy occasionally of picking up extraordinary specimens at the usual price. The man who secures, for instance, the first perforated Dutch Indies, used in impeccable shape at a price that shows that the dealer does not take the unusual condition of the stamp into consideration feels that his knowledge is power. Squarely centered Hungary lithographs at the customary prices for the common run of these stamps causes a glow of satisfaction for the critical buyer. We know what a fresh-colored, twenty-four cent of the 1861 issue, U. S., exactly centered and with a neat postmark, means; it is the one stamp in a score of the stamps as they come; and catalogue price fails to fix the actual value of the exceptional specimen. If the dealer nods, the wide-awake collector profits. As conditions now prevail, it is an even exchange for the collector, anyway, but if he has a shade the better of it, we rejoice, particularly in the light of testimony from dealers that nowadays, almost all collectors are alive to the desirability of good condition.

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The Added Values—A Washington correspondent says: "I am unable to give the definite news about the new values for the current set of adhesives as I expected to do when I made my promise to keep you informed. The department does not feel that there is any necessity to issue the supplementary values within any short period of time; and so, everything seems to be proceeding well and carefully. I shall try to give particulars as to colors, etc., in an early note."

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THE PARCEL POST SERIES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS.

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The Bureau of Engraving & Printing commenced work on the plates for this series on October 11, 1912, and finished the first plates, those for the 10 cent stamp, on November 12, 1912. Plates number 6161, 6162, 6163 and 6164 were the first ones completed. These plates were put to press as soon as they were finished which was on November 12, 1912, and the first Parcel Post stamps ever ordered for the United States Postal Service had become a reality. Fifteen days later, on November 27, 1912, the first deliveries were made to postmasters. Various consignments were on that day forwarded to 3899 different fourth class postoffices throughout the United States.

Eight values of the twelve were obtainable at some offices before Christmas day, 1912. These were the 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 cent denomination. The 75 cent stamp was for sale at several offices by January 1, 1913. The 3, 50 cent and $1.00 appeared some time later.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock is responsible for the fact that this series was printed in one color only. The stamps had been in use but a short time when it became evident that the Postoffice employees were making an increasing number of natural errors due to the single color of the series. The clerks at the stamp windows, who rarely inspect the inscription or numerals of value on a stamp of the vari-colored series were forced to slow up in their sales or else expect a discrepancy when they balanced their cash in the evening. In the mailing division, hundreds of sealed letters with the red 1 cent Parcel Post stamp on them, evaded the eye of the operators who run the cancelling machines. Certain unscrupulous members of the business world instantly took advantage of the fact that *some* letters *would* go through without discovery.

In an effort to assist the clerks who sell the stamps, an inscription of value in plain capitals was added to the margin of the plates.

These inscriptions were added first to existing plates on Jan. 27, 1913, and the work of so improving the existing plates was completed as the plates were brought from the vaults and put to press from time to time. The last plates of the original "no imprint" series to receive this imprint was number 6262 for the $1.00 stamp. The imprint was added to this plate on March 24, 1913; and the last printing of the $1.00 stamp was on March 26, 1913, so it is evident that the marginal inscription on this value is somewhat scarce.

This imprint was added to seventy of the later plates before any had gone to press. But thirty-two of this series which were originally made with the imprint, were used.

They are as follows:

Plates on which marginal value imprint was engraved BEFORE plates were put to press.

* indicates plates that were finished but never put to press.

6254 3c	*6385 20c	*6416 2c
6255 3c	*6386 20c	6417 5c
6256 3c	6388 1c	*6418 75c
6257 3c	*6389 20c	6420 5c
*6356 15c	6390 2c	*6421 25c
*6357 15c	*6391 1c	6423 50c
6359 4c	6392 4c	6424 50c
6360 4c	6393 1c	*6425 25c
6361 4c	*6394 1c	*6426 4c
6365 4c	6395 2c	6427 50c
6367 2c	*6396 75c	6428 50c
6370 2c	*6397 2c	*6431 2c
6371 2c	6399 1c	6433 5c
6374 2c	*6400 4c	*6434 15c
*6375 1c	*6401 20c	*6435 2c
*6376 1c	*6402 75c	*6439 2c
6377 1c	*6404 2c	6441 5c
6378 1c	6405 5c	*6448 2c
6379 2c	6407 5c	*6449 5c
*6380 1c	*6408 25c	*6458 2c
*6381 4c	*6409 2c	*6463 2c
*6382 1c	*6410 15c	*6470 2c
*6383 1c	6411 5c	
6384 2c	*6412 75c	

The earliest and latest printing of the various values were completed on the following dates:

TABLE OF PRINTING, PARCEL POST SERIES.

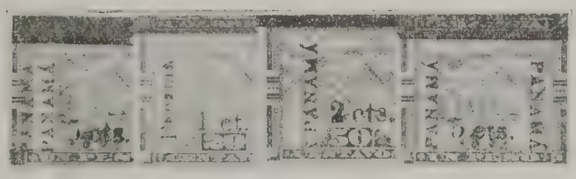
Parcel Post Stamps.

Denom.	*Earliest Ptg.*	*Issued.*	*Latest Ptg.*
1c	Nov. 18, 1912	Nov. 27, 1912	June 6, 1913
2c	Nov. 16, 1912	Nov. 27, 1912	June 17, 1913
3c	Mar. 28, 1913	Apr. 5, 1913	May 24, 1913
4c	Dec. 2, 1912	Dec. 12,1912	May 6, 1913
5c	Nov. 18, 1912	Nov. 27 1912	May 5, 1913
10c	Nov. 12, 1912	Dec. 9, 1912	June 24, 1913
15c	Dec. 10, 1912	Dec. 16, 1912	May 16, 1913
20c	Dec. 10, 1912	Dec. 16, 1912	June 5, 1913
25c	Nov. 14, 1912	Nov. 27, 1912	May 21, 1913
50c	Dec. 10, 1912	Mar. 15, 1913	Feb. 28, 1913
75c	Dec. 13, 1912	Dec. 18, 1912	Feb. 13, 1913
$1	Dec. 13, 1912	Jan. 3, 1913	Mar. 26, 1913

Parcel Post Dues.

Denom.	*Earliest Ptg.*	*Latest Ptg.*
1c	Nov. 20, 1912	Nov. 30, 1912
2c	Nov. 25, 1912	Jan. 10, 1913
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10c	Nov. 27, 1912	Jan. 10, 1913
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1901, 10c and 16c, 2 var.	.06
Liberia 1903, 10c Registration, 5 var.	.50
1909, 1c to 20c, 6 var.	.45
1909, 1c to 20c, Official, 6 var.	.45
Montenegro 1907, 1p, 2p, 10p, 15p, 20p, 25p, 35p, 50p, 8 var.	.28
1910, 1p to,50p, 9 var.	.25
N. Borneo 1902, 10c and 16c, 2 var.	.06
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Bosnia 1906, 1h to 5k, 16 var.	1.15
1912, 10h	.01
Brazil 1906, 5,000 reis, Official	.15
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On January 15th, 1914, The International Stamp Company moved from DeGraff, Ohio, where it had been located for over two years, to new offices equipped for it and occupying the entire second floor of The Stillwater Valley Bank Building, Covington, Ohio. In these quarters we have what is no doubt the largest vault used by any stamp company in the United States. The offices are equipped with every modern convenience and as soon as we are fully settled in our new location we will be able to transact business promptly at a low expense rate. We shall shortly issue an illustrated folder giving views of our offices and photographs of those interested in the company which we shall be glad to mail to anyone wishing it.

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To all remitting either by check or Money Order for items offered in the following list of bargains and sending at least one dollar we will send free an unused U. S. postage stamp for which we ask 15c net.

ANTIGUA 1863, 1d, 1d, ea. 59c; *6d $1.90; 1882, 1d 6c; *6d 85c; 2½, 4d, ea. 12c.

ARGENTINE 1882, ½ on 5c No. 42, 23c; 1884, 4 on 5c 23c; 1891, 1 peso 66c; 1908, 20c 5c; 24c 7c; 30c 12c; 50c 5c; 1 peso 23c; 1910, 50c, 1 peso, each 23c.

BRAZIL 1843, 60r 85c; 1844, 10r 15c; 60r 15c; 1850, 10r 15c; 30r 3c; 60r 3c; 1866, 80 or 200r, ea. 7c; 1876, 80r 15c; 1878, 80r 20c; 200r 9c; 1888, 700r 23c; 1906, 1000r, 1908, 100r, 100r, ea. 7c; Off. 10,000r 12c.

BRITISH GUIANA 1866, 2c 15c; 1876, 4, 8, 12, 24c, ea. 27c; 1889, 6, 8, 10c, ea. 15c; 1898, 2c 15c.

CANADA 1852, 3d 27c; 1859, 1c 11c; 5c 5c; 10c 44c; 2c 70c; 12½c 42a; 1868, ½c 22c; 1c 33c; 2c 23c; 3c 8c; 6c 33c; 12½c 33c; 15c 23c; 1869, 1c 44c; 1872, 10c 33c; 1875, 5c 77c; 15c 15c; 1892, 20c 7c; 50c 11c; Jub. *6c 67c; 10c 18c; 20c 33c; 1897, *6c 18c; *8c 12c; *10c 23c; 1898, *6c 18c; 10c 18c.

CANAL ZONE (on U. S.) 1904, *1c 8c; 2c 12c; 5c 23c; 8c 55c; 10c 55c; 1906, *1c, 2c, ea. 5c; 5c 12c; 8c 19c; 10c 22c.

CEYLON 1872, 2c, 4c, 1 rose, ea. 7c; 1899, *75c 49c; 1900, 12c, 15c, ea. 11c; 1903, 75c, 88c.

CHILE 1856, 5c pen, 2c; 1862, 1c pen, 22c; 1867, 1c 16c; 1871, 2c 12c; 1892, 1 peso 7c; 1899, *30c 55c; 1900, 20c, 50c, 1901, 30c, ea. 7c; Juan set complete * 72c; 1911, 3c, *12c, ea. 11c; 1911, 25, 30, 50c, ea. 5c.

CHINA 1878, 1c 77c; 1885, 5c g. yellow 9c; 1905, 7c 15c; 1909 Temple set * 16c, used 18c; Due 1904, on postage 1, 2, 4, 5, 10c, ea. 7c; 1911, 2c brown * $1.00.

DANISH WEST INDIES 1855, 3c 33c; 1873, 3c, 5c; 4c, 9c; *10c 33c; *12c 18c; 1895, 10c on 50c 22c; 1901, *4c 12c; 1902, 2 on 3, 8 on 10c, ea. 19c; 1905, 40c 15c.

ECUADOR 1882, 10c on 50c 97c; 1896, 5 on 10c 11c; 10c on 4c 15c; 1897, 1c No. 115a 22c.

FIJI 1878, 1, 6d, ea. 12c; *6d 27c; 1sh 28c; 1891, 2½, 4d, ea. 8c; 1893, 1d 6c; 2d 3c; *5d 22c; 1896, 1d 3c.

FINLAND 1866, 5, 10p, ea. 60c; 8p 27c; 20, 40p, ea. 15c; 1 mark $3.50; 1867, 5, 10p, ea. 60c; 1882, 10p 6c; 1885, 5, 10, 20, 25p, ea. 1c; 1891, 1r 52c; 1901, 1m 6c.

FRANCE 1849, 20, 25c, ea. 6c; 1fr 67c; 1853, 1, 5c, ea. 7c; 80c 5c; 1862, 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 80c, ea. 1c; 1876, 2c type II, 10c type I, 15, 30, 40c, ea. 3c; 1900, 5fr 27c; 1906, 10c with ground 7c.

GIBRALTAR 1886, ½d 11c; 1d 27c; 1886, ½, 1d, ea. 6c. 1889, 25c on 2d 44c; 25c on 2½d 22c; 1895, 2p 57c.

GOLD COAST 1883, 1sh 27c; 1889, 5sh 88c; 10sh 98c; 1900, 5sh $1.77.

GREAT BRITAIN 1840, 1d 27c; 1847, 1sh 67c; 1856, 1sh 44c; 1862, 4d 7c; 6d 9c; 1sh 27c; 1867, 5sh 88c; 1876, 8d 60c; 1883, 5sh 37c; 1901, 2sh 6d 15c; 5sh 22c.

GUATEMALA 1871, 1c imperf. 44c; 1875, *½, *½, *2r, ea. 7c; 1879, ¼, 1r, ea. 15c; 1882, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c, ea. 5c; 1886, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150c, ea. 5c; 1887, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10c, ea. 1c; 1897, 1, 2, 6, 10c, ea. 2c; 1902, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20, 50c, ea. 1c.

HAWAII 1864, *1c 8c; *2c 33c; 5c 33c; 6c 33c; 18c no gum 22c; 1882, 2c 1 rose 22c; 1883, 1, 2c, 4c, ea. 10c (scarce) 15c; 1894, 1c, 2c, ea. 2c; *12c 21c; 1899, 1c, 2c, ea. 2c.

HAYTI 1881, 1, 2, 3, 7c, ea. 23c; 1882, 1c, 3c, ea. 23c; 1882, 20c, 1886, 1c ea. 12c; 1887, 1, 2, 3, 5c, ea. 6c; 1890, 2 on 3c 6c.

HONG KONG 1863, 2, 24c; 1880, 2c, 10c, 1885, 20 on 30c, 1890 $1 on 96c red, ea. 23c; 1903 $1.00 fiscal cancl. 44c; $2.00 f. c. 67c; $3.00 f. c. $1.25; 1904, $1.00 f. c. 17c; $2.00, $3.00, ea. 56c.

JAMAICA 1860, 1d, 1905, 1d, ea. 15c; 1871, 4, 6, 1sh, 1883, 2d, 1885, 6d, 1897, 1sh, 1903, 5d, ea. 23c; 1871, 1, 2d, 1872, ½d, 1883, 1, 4d, 1885, 1, 2, 3d, 1905, 2½d, 3d, ea. 6c.

LEEWARD ISLANDS 1890, *½d, 3c; 1d 6c; 2½d 15c; 4d 23c; 6d 27c; 7d 27c; 1897, ½, 1d, ea. 55c; 1902, 1d on 4d, 1d on 6d, ea. 23c; 1d on 7d 19c.

LIBERIA 1885, *1, *2, *3imp, 4c ea.; *4c, 8c; 6c, 12c; 8c 17c; 16c 29c; 32c 44c; 8c blue 12c; last seven issues 1c, each 4c, last seven 2c, 6c each.

MACAO 1898, ½, 1, 2 ea. 2c; 2½, 3, 4, 8a, ea. 6c; 1903, 2, 3, ea. 2c; 1903, 4, 5, 6, 8a, ea. 5c; 10 on 12a 12c.

MEXICO 1856, ½, 30c; 1r 15c; 2r 12c; 4r 1.00; 1861, 1r 15c; 2r 7c; 1864, 1r 30c; 2r 9c; 1866, *25c 35c; Engraved *13c 44c; 25c 15c; 1899, 50c 7c; 1 peso 10c; 5 peso 72c.

MONTSERRAT 1876, 1d 23c; 1903, ½, 1d, ea. 3c; 1903, *2½d, 18c; 3d 40c; 6d 50c; 1sh 65c; 2sh 1.00; 2sh 6d $1.32.

MOZAMBIQUE CO. 1898, 2½, 5, 10, ea. 12c; 1898, 25, 50r, ea. 27c; 1898, 20, 75r, ea. 23c; 1904, 65, 115, 130, 400, 700r, each 33c.

NEW BRUNSWICK 1851, 3d 2.85; 1860, 1c brown violet 60c; 1c 30c; 5c 5c; 10, 12½, 17c, ea. 27c; 1861, 2c 7c.

NEW FOUNDLAND 1857, 3d 98c; 5d $1.17; 1863, 4d 44c; 6½d 33c; 6½d 1.15; 8d 2.00; 1sh 87c; 1876, 1c 1.15; 2c 44c; 3c, 5c, ea. 27c.

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PHILIPPINES 1870, 5, 10c, ea. 23c; 1872, 25c 23c; 1872, 62c 88c; 1896, 15c 5c; 20c 9c; 1901, 4c, 6c; 1906, 12c, 11c; 16c, 20c, ea. 5c 1909, 12, 20, 30c, ea. 18c; 1909, 16c 11c; 1909, 1 peso 27c.

SAMOA 1887, ½, 1d, 1899, ½, 1d Prov. ½, 1d, ea. 3c; 1887, 2d, 1895, ½ on 2, 3 on 2, 2½ on 1sh, 2½ on 1sh red, 2½ on 1d, 1899, 2d, ea. 5c; 1887, 4d, 1894, 5d, 1896, 2½, 1899, 4d, 5d, ea. 12c; 1887, 6d, 1899, 6d, ea. 18c; 1887, 1sh, 1899, 1sh, ea. 27c; 1887, 2sh 6d, 1899, 2sh 6d, ea. 62c.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1902, 3, 4, 6d, ea. 7c; 1902, 8, 9, 10d, 1sh, ea. 15c; 1904, 6d, 5c; 1904, 8, 9, 10d, 1sh, ea. 12c.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS 1868, 8, 24, 30c ea. 15c; 1868, 4, 6, 12c, ea. 22c; 1868, 32c, 75c; 1868, 95c, 93c; 1884, 30, 32c, ea. 15c; 1898, 4 on 5c blue 27c; 1902, 25c, 12c; 30c 17c; 50c 25c; $1.00 57c; 1904, 25, 50c, ea. 5c; 30c 8c; $1.00 23c. (Last eight are seconds.)

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TRANSVAAL 1885, ½, 1, 1887, 2, 1894, 1, 1895, ½, 2, 1896, ½, 2d, ea. 2c; 1886, 2, 4, 6d, 1887, 2 on 3, 1895, 6, 1896, 3, 4, 6d, ea. 12c; 1885, 3d 23c; 1887, 2sh 6d 44c; 5sh 55c; 10sh 55c.

URUGUAY 1866, 5c 19c; 1866, 10, 15, 20, 1872, 15c, ea. 66c; 1877, 5c 3c; 10c 7c; 20c 12c; 1884, 7c 44c; 20c 23c; 25c 42c; 1886, 7c 32c; 1887, 20, 25c, ea. 44c; 1889, 50c 55c; 1 peso 65c.

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THE DESIGNS.

The designs for these stamps were selected and approved by Postmaster-General Hitchcock. They were obtained from an extensive series of sketches and photographs submitted by J. E. Ralph, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. A general description of the various designs is included under a subsequent treatment of each denomination. The stamps are about the size of the Columbian series of 1893, measuring approximately 1.34 inches long by 0.87 inches wide.

In detail the designs are as follows:

1c—"Post Office Clerk." This view shows a distributing section of the Washington, D. C., post office.

2c—"City Carrier." The design shows a mail carrier at the door of a residence.

3c—"Railway Postal Clerk." He stands at the door of a mail car removing a sack of mail from the sack catcher. The first design which was not used, showed a Parcel Post automobile driver transferring mail through the door of a railway mail car with the assistance of the railway postal clerk.

4c—"Rural Carrier." The design was made from a model mail wagon in the Post Office department at Washington. A horse was hitched to this wagon and a photograph taken of the outfit. The engravers supplied the background of foliage.

5c—"Mail Train." This is an "action photograph." It is a design which gives a semblance of speed to the train which is shown approaching a suspended mail bag.

10c—"Steamship and Mail Tender." The design is a reproduction of a photograph of the Kronprinz Wilhelm in New York harbor. Staten Island is covered with skyscrapers in the design which has been criticised as being geographically incorrect. The effect is good in spite of the critics' thrusts. The mail tender was added to the design to show the relative size of the liner.

15c—"Automobile Service." A postal employe is approaching an automobile. Substation "A" and a residence across the street form the background.

20c—"Aeroplane Carrying Mail." A biplane in mid air carries the navigator and a sack of mail. The first design which was not used, showed no mail sack.

25c—"Manufacturing." The design shows a part of a steel plant in South Chicago. It is said that the original of this design is a photograph supplied by Director Ralph who was at one time employed in the plant.

50c—"Dairying." Two designs were prepared for this stamp, which shows some cows grazing in the foreground and a group of farm buildings in the distance. The original photograph was supplied by the Department of Agriculture. In the finished design which was approved the buildings are less prominent than in the original essay.

75c—"Harvesting." The photograph supplied by the Department of Agriculture shows a thrashing machine, teams and men, and a prominent straw stack; much of the scene was faithfully reproduced by the engraver.

$1.00—"Fruit Growing." Several proofs, differing in minor details, were prepared for this stamp. The issued stamp shows a group of workers in an orchard.

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OUR BOOK REVIEW.

We have received from Arthur Maury, Paris, a catalog of the stamps, envelopes and post cards issued in 1913. It appears as a supplement to No. 398 of the *Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* and no price is stated. The catalogue is superbly illustrated.

From the Philatelic Printing and Publishing Co., Rotherham, England, comes the *Collectors' and Dealers' Directory.* It contains a list of dealers and collectors throughout the world, also a list of stamp clubs and societies. The book is well worth the price, 16c, and collectors desirous of securing addresses of collectors in foreign countries will find the book useful.

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Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldredge lists the following new precancels:

Orange, N. J.—One line (Orange—N. J.) horizontal inscription, printed twice, one above the other, roller stamped, between lines 13 mm. apart and 2½ to 3½ mm. thick. 1c 1912.

Akron, Ohio.—Two lines (AKRON—OHIO) horizontal inscription in small thick capitals without serifs, between lines 10 mm. apart and 1 mm. thick. 1c 1912.

Harrisburg, Pa.—(No. 1202). 2c 1912, inverted.

Lynn, Mass.—(No. 1158). 8c 1912, reading down.

San Francisco, Cal.—(No. 1153). 1c, 2c 1912-13, Panama-Pacific, reading down. Submitted by Raymond K. Bonser.

New York, N. Y.—(No. 1191). 8c 1912.

New York, N. Y.—Two lines (NEW YORK—N. Y.) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals, 4 mm. high between lines 13 mm. apart and 1 mm. thick. 6c 1910. 8c 1912. Submitted by Hugh Geddes, Jr.

Northampton, Mass.—Two lines (NORTHAMPTON—MASS) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals 2½ mm. high, between lines 10 mm. apart and 1 mm. in thickness. 1c 1912, submitted by Hugh Geddes, Jr.

Providence, R. I.—Two lines (PROV—R. I.) identical with (No. 1200) except that the R and I are from a smaller sized font of type. 2¾ mm. high. 3c 1910, inverted. 3c 1910, inverted, double (No. 1197). 3c 1910, inverted, (1197).

Worcester, Mass.—(No. 1202). 5c 1910.

Chicago, Ill.—(No. 1157). 4c 1910, upper line a hair line.

Davenport, Iowa.—Two lines (DAVENPORT—IOWA) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals 2 mm. high, between double lines, 15 mm. between the inside ones, and two top or bottom lines are 1 mm. apart and ¾ mm. thick. 2c 1912.

Baltimore, Md.—(No. 1202). 2c 1912.

L. G. Barrett has shown us a 2c envelope, Die E, Size 8, on white, with the new low cut knife, the first time this knife has been reported on this size and color.

We gather from several sources, that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is experimenting with new perforations. The stamps perforated 10, noted last week, are part of the scheme which is being tried out on stamp books. *Scott's Circular* says that possibly a new perforation may be adopted for the regular postage stamps. This perforation will be size 12 in the horizontal rows the same as at present, but size 10 in the vertical rows.

ARGENTINE.—C. Edward Wright reports the 1c Laborer, locally printed on the new honeycomb watermarked paper.

BARBADOS.—The *Colonial Journal* settles one moot point, regarding the female figure on the stamps of Barbados, in the following statement: "In the new stamps supplied last year there is the old design of a female figure in a chariot drawn by sea horses. The figure in the seal of the Colony in the time of Charles II. represented the Sovereign; in the reign of Queen Anne the female figure was naturally substituted, and during the reign of Queen Victoria the presentment of Her Majesty was given. On the death of Queen Victoria, however, no change was made in the seal of the Colony or in the stamp. Last year the head of King George was given, and the female figure becomes symbolical, as indeed it has long been in popular estimation by which it has been identified with Britannia.

BRITISH GUIANA.—According to the *Colonial Journal*, the 1c, 2c 4c, 5c, 6c, 12c, 24c, and 48c values will be in the new design and the $2.40, $3, $4.80, $5, $12, $20.50 and $50 values in the old design. One order of 72c stamps has been executed in the old design.

HONDURAS.—Leonard F. Garbaccio sends us a postally used specimen of the 1c lithographed stamp of 1909, Scott's No. 127, which was evidently taken from a sheet of printers' waste. On the back is another impression, though faint and imperfect. The Catalogue would call this "printed on both sides."

INDIA.—*Gwalior.*—Lowell J. Ragatz contributes the following received from a correspondent in India:

"You will find the prices of the King George Gwalior 4, 6 and 8 annas three times face value, which seems rather high, but that state was supplied in December, 1912, with five sheets of each of these values, and this supply was exhausted some months ago. A requisition for more of these values (the only ones so far sold out) was refused, and it is the opinion among officials that the next lot will not be furnished until the dies are retouched. Hence there is every possibility of their rising very high in price, like the Nabha 2½a King George."

MALTA.—The new stamps of Malta will follow the color scheme of 1908, says the *Colonial Journal*, except that the 4d will be in black, and the 4½d, 5d, 2sh 6d and 10sh values will be in the same colors as the current issues, these being better suited to their pictorial characters. The surface printed stamps of 3d and upwards are in doubly-fugitive inks.

NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke sends us a used strip of four of the new provisional 1c on 15c on 35c green and chestnut. Mr. Focke calls attention to the fact that the first provisional value is obliterated by a double bar, two pieces of rule placed together.

NIGERIA.—In consequence of the amalgamation of Northern and Southern Nigeria, new stamps will be issued marked "Nigeria," says the *Colonial Journal.*

URUGUAY.—Dr. L. A. Micheloni sends us a lithographed 5c Artigas stamp, which differs from all other lithographed specimens seen and also from the engraved stamps sent out by Waterlows. Dr. Micheloni found it among 20,000 common stamps. In color and clearness of printing it much resembles the Waterlow print. There are minor differences all over the stamp, but the most striking change is in the size of the figures of value, which are much smaller than on both the engraved and the common lithographed specimens. Like the engraved stamps the lower part of both figures project to the left beyond the top, while in the later issue the parts are alike. There are two colorless lines between the top of the left "5" and the nearest ornament above it, while on all other specimens there is but one.

VENEZUELA.—Leonard F. Garbaccio sends us a companion to the 50c of 1911, with the centre printed in a different color. This is the 10c of the same issue, with the centre in vermilion. The specimen is used postally.

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lated in the *Postage Stamp,* M. Georges Brunel gives a lengthy list of these little marks but for all practical purposes the following tests, described in *The Philatelist* so long ago as 1871 are ample:—

½sch.—Eagle's right beak does not go against the wing. The bird does not touch the label in any place. There is no period after SCHILLING. The lines by which the figures are divided are very fine, and the figures themselves are small.

1sch.—Eagle very much like the one on the ½sch but the right hand end is more flattened and, consequently, shapeless. EIN is in letters of the same size as those used in the words following it.

2sch.—Eagle's left beak touches the wing, and the right one nearly so; there are no dots between the heads and wings. Over the U is a diaeresis of very small *solid* dots.

2½sch.—Eagle's left claw is at some little distance from the inscribed riband. No period after any of the words. All the fractional figures are very small, and the strokes dividing them very indistinct. The topmost of the three dashes under the upright stroke upon the left hand is merely a dot.

4sch.—The third segment of the eagle's right wing touches the riband. There are either four or five dots (but only three are clearly formed) in the hollow between the beak and the wing, and those not together, but dispersed. P of POSTMARKE almost touches the fold of the band.

The paper upon which these stamps were printed was not specially requisitioned but was obtained from Matz, a stationer in the town, who had on hand a stock of thin fancy paper watermarked throughout with small flowers of myosotis. It was paper really intended to be made up into boxes of fancy note-paper. The stamps were issued imperforate and the sheets were gummed with yellowish gum according as they were required for use. M. Brunel states that the stamps were distributed to the postmasters ungummed and these latter affixed the gum before selling them to the public. Such a proceeding appears highly improbable for the postmasters would not be likely to have facilities at hand for gumming sheets of stamps. The statement has no foundation in fact but there seems little doubt that Rahtgens only gummed the sheets as they were required. Indeed, in an article in the *Philatelic Record* translated from the German we read "I learned from a member of the Rahtgens firm that they had not delivered all the stamps at one time, and gummed. On the contrary they were in the habit of remitting small quantities to the authorities, as the stamps became needed, and they only kept in stock a small number of sheets gummed in advance." This accounts for the fact that the remainders of these stamps were all ungummed.

Although the sheets were only gummed as required it would appear that the whole of the stamps originally ordered were printed at the same time the total supply printed being

½sch 400 sheets = 40,000 stamps.
1sch 200 sheets = 20,000 stamps.
2sch 1366 sheets = 138,600 stamps.
2½sch 500 sheets = 50,000 stamps.
4sch 1499 sheets = 149,900 stamps.

As there were two errors in each of the sheets of the 2sch the total number of normal stamps was 135,820 while there were 2,772 errors.

Variations in shade are not very prominent though the green of the 4sch differs a little.

Reference List.

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2. 1sch orange, Scott's No. 2.
3. 2sch brown, Scott's No. 3.
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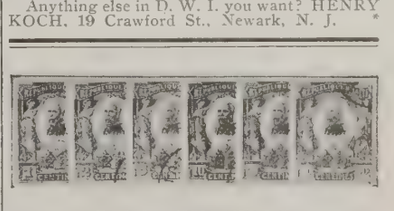
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THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Lubeck.

The free city of Lubeck, the smallest of the three Hanseatic towns, is situated on the Trave about ten miles from its mouth. The town, then known as *Lubeca*, was probably founded as early as 1060 and, though small, it was rich and consequently excited the cupidity of some of its larger neighbours. In 1138 it was entirely devastated by the Rugians but was rebuilt in 1143 by Adolf II, Count of Holstein. It was ceded to the dukes of Saxony in 1158 and under Henry the Lion it attained considerable prosperity. Duke Henry gave it a civil and commercial code (the law of Lubeck) which, later, formed the basis of the law of all the Hanseatic towns. Lubeck was captured by the Danes in 1201 and on their expulsion in 1226 it was made a free and imperial city, and it became the leader of the Hanseatic league formed in 1241. It was then at the height of its prosperity but the dissolution of the Hansa dealt it a blow from which it has never recovered. The last Assembly of the Hansa met in Lubeck in 1669 and thence forth it declined in importance. It was annexed by France in 1810 and became the capital of the Department of Les Bouches de l'Elbe, but it regained its liberty in 1813 after the battle of Leipzig. In August 1866, it joined the North German Confederation, and in 1870 became one of the states of the new Empire. It has a population of over 90,000.

Lubeck, like many other Continental towns, presents a curious mixture of ancient and modern architecture. Opposite the railway station, on the main approach to the city, is the famous Holstenthor, a 15th centruy brick-built gateway, which was renovated in 1870. Of its numerous churches the Marienkirche founded in 1170, contains valuable works of art. Its dome, enlarged during the 13th century, has an altar painting by Hans Memling. Another ancient edifice is the town hall (1250) which is built of black glazed bricks in the style of the Renaissance period.

Lubeck has achieved some little return to its former prosperity since it joined the Customs Union in 1868. The principal shipping trade is with Denmark, Sweden, Russia, and Finland, chiefly in chemicals, machinery, linen goods, preserved food, and cigars.

Lubeck is the capital of the small state of the same name, which has an area of 115 square miles and a population of a little over 100,000. The country is fertile and well wooded and produces rye, wheat, barley, oats, hay, potatoes, and large quantities of fruit. By its constitution, revised in 1875, the state is governed by a senate composed of 14 life members, and a council of 120 citizens. Lubeck is represented in the Reichstag by one delegate.

Its Philatelic History.

Lubeck issued its first postage stamps on January 1st, 1859, at the same time as Hamburg, and the currency was also the same, viz., the Hamburg mark of 16 schilling equal to about 28c in United States money.

The first set consisted of five values all of similar design which were printed on watermarked paper. Two years later the ½sch and 1sch were issued on unwatermarked paper and in 1863 an entirely new design was introduced. On April 1st, 1864, a 1½sch stamp was issued and a reduction in one of the postal rates in 1865 resulted in the issue of a 1½sch stamp. In 1867 the color of the 1sch value was slightly changed and this completed the separate postal existence of Lubeck for, having joined the North German Confederation, the stamps of that Confederation were used on and after January 1st, 1868.

The status of these stamps was similar to those of Hamburg, save that none of the values singly were able to frank a letter beyond the confines of Germany. In the "Why and Wherefore of Various Stamps," published in the *Philatelic Record* in 1906, Mr. R. R. Thiele gives some interesting and valuable information regarding the postal rates, etc., which we cannot do better than reproduce in his own words:—

The first issue did not make its appearance until 1859. At that time Luebeck had three post offices: that of the city itself, one of Thurn and Taxis, and one of Denmark. The two latter had been using stamps for several years and the force of public opinion finally prevailed upon the postal authorities of the Free City to issue stamps also. The values of the first issue were selected for the rates most in use. The one-half schilling stamp representd the rate on city letters for local delivery, and also on local printed matter. The one schilling stamp was intended for the other city (there is only one,—Travemuende) and villages within the territory of the Free City, as well as those post-offices in the neighbouring Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin which lay within three German miles of Luebeck. Two schillings was the rate to Hamburg and Bergedorf, hence the stamp of this value. To most of the post-offices within the two Duchies of Mecklenburg-Schwerin and Mecklenburg-Strelitz the single letter rate was two and one-half schillings, and hence a stamp of this value was found necessary. Finally the four schilling stamp represented the single rate on letters destined to points in the territory of the German-Austria postal union more than twenty German miles from Luebeck (about ninety statute miles). The rate to certain offices in Mecklenburg-Schwerin was one and one-half schilling and that to other offices between ten and twenty German miles distant was three schillings, but for some reason stamps of these values were not issued.

In 1862 or 1863 the postal authorities received word from London that the stamps of Luebeck had been counterfeited there. This was, perhaps, not very difficult, considering their lithographic production. At all events the authorities decided to discontinue their lithographed stamps and to make use of steel engraving in the future. They, therefore, ordered the next set, that of 1863, from the Royal Prussian Printing Establishment at Berlin. It is related that the price of the die and plates nearly gave the Luebeckers a fit, but that the expense, to their great joy, was soon counter balanced by the orders of the stamp collectors of the time, who bought large numbers of the pretty labels. The values represent the same rates as before.

In 1864 the war with Denmark broke out and the Duchies of Schleswig and Holstein were occupied by the Federal troops. Correspondence for these two Duchies from Luebeck had formerly been handled by the Danish office at Luebeck, but this office was now closed because of the war and the city post office took charge of all mail for the duchies. The Danish rate had been four skillings, equivalent to one and one-fourth schillings in Luebeck currency; hence the department issued a new stamp of the latter value. As it had to be provided in a hurry it was not engraved and printed in Berlin like the set then current, but was lithographed by Rahtgens at Luebeck. In 1866 the rate was raised to one and one-half schilling and the one and one-fourth schilling stamp was then discontinued.

As above mentioned the rate to Hamburg and Bergedorf was two schillings. In 1865 this rate was lowered to one and one-half schillings and a stamp of this value was issued. It was again printed at Berlin, but it was not ready on the date when the reduced rate went into effect and the official notice, with charming simplicity, points out that the postage might, nevertheless, be made up by means of the one schilling and the half schilling stamps.

The First Issue.

Lubeck issued its first series of adhesive postage stamps on January 1st, 1859, the values being ½, 1, 2, 2½ and 4 schilling. Their use was entirely optional but when used the public were requested to affix them to the left upper corner of the face of the letter and this continued to be the recognised mode of affixing the stamps until 1864. Official proof of this is found in the stamped envelopes—those issued in 1863 shew the stamp in the upper left hand corner, while those issued in 1864 have the label in the right upper angle.





The design is the same for all five values and shows the Arms of Lubeck on a field *d'or* (represented heraldically by a dotted ground) within three scrolls arranged in the form of an inverted horseshoe. The lower of these scrolls contains the word "POST-MARKE," the one at left contains the value in words, and that on the right is inscribed with the word "SCHILLING." In a straight line at the top is "LUBECK" while in each of the angles the value is shown in white figures on a ground of solid color. The spaces between the corners are linked up by ornamental lines and the whole is enclosed within a single line rectangular frame.

Who was responsible for the design does not seem to be known but the stamps were manufactured by H. G. Rahtgens, a printer engaged in business in Lubeck. The method employed was lithography and minute differences in the designs for each value show that a special die or drawing was made for each. From the original design in each case one hundred transfers were taken and arranged on the lithographic stone in ten horizontal rows of ten.

In making up the stone for the 2 schilling two transfers of the 2½sch were accidentally inserted in the bottom row. The mistake was discovered before any of the stamps were printed and to remedy it the lithographer removed the numerals "2½" from each of the four corners of the offending labels and drew in the correct figures "2." He, however, omitted to alter the inscription showing the value in words so that these two stamps, printed in the correct color for the 2sch and showing the correct value "2" in the corners are, nevertheless, wrongly inscribed 2½sch as shown by the lettering "ZWEI EIN HALB." The errors occurred on the sixth and seventh stamps of the lower row.

As a safeguard against forgery the designer of these stamps introduced secret dots into his work. The center of the small ornament at the foot of the design consists of a short horizontal line on all the ½sch stamps a tiny dot appears above this line; on the 1sch the dot is below the line; on the 2sch there are two dots below the line, one at each end; on the 2½sch there are two dots below and one above, in the center; while on the 4sch there are four dots below the line. In the case of the 2sch error the dots are as in the 2½sch. In addition to these dots there are numerous small peculiarities distinctive to each value. In an article, trans-

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19	30c orange	1.00
20 *	90c blue, o. g., perfection	15.00
21	2, 15, 24c, Nos. 73, 77, 78	2.50
22	5c red brown, bright color	3.50
23	5c brown, 5c black brown	1.70
24	1867, 3c grill, 12x14, str. edge right	2.50
25	2, 3, 12c, grill 11x13	1.50
26	10c red can., 11x13	1.25
27	10c black can., 11x13	1.25
28	15c, 11x13	3.00
29	15c creased, 11x13	3.00
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36 *	10c orange, bright color, small tear left side	7.50
37	15c centered right	3.50
38	15c picture framed, well centered	1.50
39	30c blue and carmine	3.50
40 *	1c soft paper, o. g., perfectly cent'd	1.50
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75	24c	4.00
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83	*Treasury, 1-30c, 8 var., mostly o. g.	4.15
84 *	7c no gum	2.50
85	24c	3.00
86 *	90c no gum	2.00
87	*Newspaper, 1879, 1c-10c, 7 var. o. g.	3.60
88 *	12c red, o. g.	3.00
89	24, 36c carmine	2.00
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152	Ecuador, 1872, 1r yellow on blue	2.00
153	1865-94, 30 var., 17 unused	3.34
154	*1894, 5 sucre, dark blue, o. g.	2.50
155	1895-7, 26 var., 12 unused	4.96
156	*1895, 1 sucre carmine, o. g.	3.00
157	1897, 12 var., 4 unused	3.02
158	1898-1913, 42 var., 11 unused	3.68
159	23 var., 12 unused	4.86
160	*1895, Official, 1c gray black, o. g.	1.25
161 *	2c gray black, o. g.	1.25
162	*Hawaii 1864, 1c-18c, 2, 5c used	2.50
163	1875-99, 15 var., 16 unused	2.84
164	*1893, 1c-12c, 13 var., o. g., 1 used.	3.88
165 *	10c, three var., o. g.,Nos.61,67,68	1.20
166 *	12c red lilac, o. g., No. 63	5.00
167	*Official 2c-25c, 6 var., o. g., fine	5.60
168	*Hayti 1881, 1, 2, 3, 7c, 7c used	1.95
169	5c green, large margins	1.50
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172	*1891-6, 14 var., 7 used	1.48
173	*1898, 1, 3c o. g., Nos. 46, 48	1.75
174	*1898-9, 1c-1G, 15 var., o. g.	1.95
175	*1902, 1c-50c, o. g., 12 var., 1 used.	2.54
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177	*1904-12, 32 var., o. g., 16 used	3.00
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186 *	2 4/8 on 50m bistre, o.g.,very fine	1.00
187 *	2 4/8 on revenues, 7 var., 2 used	3.15
188 *	1r on 12 4/8c gray blue, slight defect No. 124	3.00
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190	*1890-8, 33 var., 10 used	4.63
191	*1898, 60, 80c, o. g., fine	1.75
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198	2r yellow, very fine	3.00
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200	1867, 1c-3r, Nos. 281-88, 9 var.	3.65
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203	3v rose, fine	2.50
204	1880, 5c-2b, 12 var., Nos. 39-45	2.33
205 *	5c-10b, 22 var., 4 used, Nos.47-68	3.10
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210	1893-00, 61 var., 20 unused	6.20
211	1904-6, 18 var., 4 unused	5.54
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215	100c blue on rose, No. 161	2.00
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6p lilac	.15	.07
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1p on 3p buff	4.00	1.60
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600r black	3.00	.90
1861, 280r red	3.50	1.50
430r yellow	6.00	2.20
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1878, 260r dark brown	1.75	.60
700r red brown, unused	2.50	1.30
Bremen 1866, 3gr blue, unused	3.75	2.00
1866, 7gr yellow, unused	3.00	1.35
5gr green, unused	4.00	1.65
British Columbia 1866, 3p blue	1.75	.75
1868, 2c brown	2.50	1.00
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British Guiana 1866, 1c black	1.00	.40
1866, 2c orange	.25	.10
4c blue	1.50	.55
8c rose	1.75	.70
1863, 24c green	1.75	.70
48c rose	3.50	1.25
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1879, 4p violet	1.25	.45
1891, 24c yellow and blue	1.00	.40
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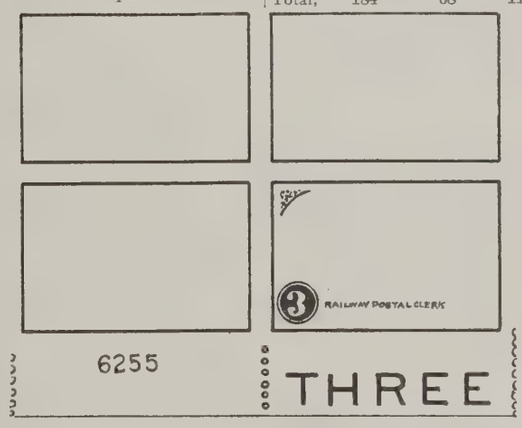
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THE PLATES.

The plate sheets consist of 180 stamps, arranged ten "wide" by eighteen "high." These sheets are cut into four Postoffice sheets of 45 subjects each. The Postoffice sheets are five stamps "wide" by nine stamps "high." This arrangement results in thirteen straight edge stamps to each 45 subject postoffice sheet, the number of "straight edge" specimens being about fifty per cent. greater in this issue than in the ordinary series in which the Postoffice sheet consists of one hundred subjects including but 19 straight-edged specimens.

Guide lines, terminating in the usual arrows on the margin of the sheet, were engraved on all plates of this series. Both the vertical and horizontal lines bisect the sheet of stamps.



The plate numbers occur eight times on each sheet as in the ordinary series. Reference to the illustration will disclose the position of plate numbers and the imprint of value. The words "Bureau of Engraving and Printing" were not engraved on any of these plates, and except for designers' and engravers' initials and the initials of the plate printers, no other inscription except the plate number, the word indicating the denomination and the arrows, appear on the margins.

A tabulated summary of the total number of plates engraved or commenced for this series follows herewith:

Total number of plates prepared or commenced for the Parcel Post and Parcel Post Due Stamps.

PARCEL POST STAMPS.

Denom.	Total.	Not Used.	Used.	Ptd. before Imp. added
1c	40	15	25	10
2c	43	19	24	5
3c	4	—	4	—
4c	16	3	13	4
5c	24	5	19	4
10c	9	1	8	8
15c	8	4	4	4
20c	8	4	4	4
25c	12	6	6	8
50c	8	3	5	—
75c	8	4	4	4
$1.00	4	4	—	1
Total,	184	68	116	52

PARCEL POST DUE STAMPS.

1c	8	4	4	—
2c	5	1	4	—
5c	9	2	7	1
10c	4	—	4	—
25c	4	—	4	—
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opinion that the four or more designs on the transfer roll are impressed consecutively upon the plate as it is rolled along in contact with transfer roll, it may be advisable to state that each design on the roll is used continuously until it becomes too worn for satisfactory service. It is then "evaded" and another one of the designs is used until it too becomes worn out.

It will be seen that the double transfers, so dear to the specialist's heart, are matters of chance, and not the regular "once in every revolution of the roll" conditions that would obtain under the old theory.

Double Transfers.

The writer has found two double transfers in this series, one occurring in the 1 cent denomination, the other in the 5 cent. The error shows very distinctly in both instances and neither is a slip print of any kind. It is not known from which plates these stamps were printed. A detailed and illustrated description of them appears further along in this article.

The Paper.

The paper used for this series was made under the same specifications which govern the manufacture of that used for the ordinary series. It is impressed with the same "single line watermark" now current.

Owing to the peculiar size and arrangement of these stamps, it was necessary to obtain paper of a size different from that used for the ordinary series. The Parcel Post issue required sheets measuring 16½ inches by 19¼ inches.

The Ink.

Proofs of these stamps were printed only in the color used for the regular issue. The red ink for the Parcel Post stamps is similar to that used for the ordinary 2 cent issues of the 1912 and Panama Exposition series. While it is not an aniline color in the old sense of the word, it does contain permanent colors or lakes which in a broader general definition might be included under the term "aniline colors."

Practically no variation of decided contrast is present in the shades of this issue although some of the series show a tinge of rose due to a slightly higher amount of the white "base" forming the body of the pigment used.

It will be understood that by a "lake" is meant a pigment made by precipitating or applying, color-forming chemicals to a base which is usually a chemically inert white pigment.

The total number of this series which has been printed to date, together with the quantity issued to Postmasters and that remaining in stock up to December 15, 1913, at the Bureau is herewith given in tabulated form.

TOTAL NUMBER PRINTED.

Parcel Post Stamps.

1c	209,691,540
2c	206,417,700
3c	29,027,880
4c	76,744,260
5c	108,154,440
10c	56,897,100
15c	21,147,480
20c	17,142,840
25c	21,941,100
50c	2,118,240
75c	6,283,440
$1.00	1,053,720

Parcel Post Due Stamps.

1c	7,322,400
2c	3,132,000
5c	5,840,100
10c	2,124,540
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Parcel Post Stamps.

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2c	185,841,446
3c	22,036,586
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5c	101,006,141
10c	56,125,571
20c	16,732,976
15c	19,343,741
25c	19,199,831
50c	1,191,426
75c	2,062,256
$1.00	479,786

Parcel Post Due Stamps.

1c	4,752,131
2c	2,411,051
5c	4,584,461
10c	1,246,181
25c	894,332

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2c	20,576,254
3c	6,991,294
4c	5,159,299
5c	7,148,299
10c	771,529
15c	1,803,739
20c	409,864
25c	2,741,269
50c	926,814
75c	4,221,184
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1c	2,570,269
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

"PACKING" AND STAMPS.

By H. S. HALL of Cleveland.

(Winning Entry in Phila. Press Competition.)

For three years I had been trying to break into the Great Central Steel Company with my firm's metallic packing. I never got any farther than the office of John Swope, the general manager, and I never stayed there very long at a time; for, while Swope was courteous enough to me, he made plain in a very few words that he not only did not wish to buy my packing, but also that he had no time to listen to my arguments.

I lay in wait for him, to meet him as he went to lunch, or in the street, or at a ball game, hoping that I might be able, by some hook or crook, to establish a more than speaking acquaintance; but after losing a lot of time began to doubt if Swope ever went to lunch, if he ever was in the street, if he ever attended a ball game. I inquired among men who knew Swope more or less intimately. No, not one of them knew of anything in which he was interested specially, except his business.

One day I dropped in at his office to see him, hoping that I might persuade him to permit me to furnish the packing for one of the new engines about to be installed in the mills the Central was then building.

No, he intended to buy Atlantic packing. He knew Atlantic packing, and he knew that it was good.

As I turned to leave I caught sight of a small, oblong piece of paper lying on his desk. It had rounded corners, was gummed on one side, and was about one third the size of a postage stamp. I recognized it at a glance. It was a stamp hinge, a sticker used by collectors for mounting stamps in albums.

I made straight for a dealer in philatelic supplies. "Who are some of the stamp collectors in this city?" I asked him.

He laughed. "Who are some of the people who smoke cigars and wear black neckties? Too many to name!"

"I mean who are some of the more prominent ones?"

"Well, there's Jamison of the woolen mills, Smithson of the City Refining Company, Statton of the Valley Railroad, John Swope of—"

"Give me all the literature you have on philately!" I interrupted. And I purchased a copy of every textbook, catalogue, and pamphlet he had.

I studied my subject early and late; I quizzed my son at home; when I could I talked with collectors; I subscribed to half a dozen stamp journals; I invested a little money in a line of good stamps; I found every stamp I had noted on my list, and bought them. I was now equipped to go after John Swope for that packing order!

With my precious stamps in my pocket, I went back to L—, and one day about thirty minutes before the hour for lunch walked into Swope's office. Grim and gruff as always, he looked up and nodded.

"Packing?" he grunted. Nothing doing. You're wasting your time. But I do like your persistence."

"I just called to leave you this booklet which I though might interest you," I said, putting my hand into my pocket as I spoke. I drew forth a bundle of papers. A dozen postage stamps fell from among them and fluttered to the table before the steel man's eyes. "Excuse me," I remarked, stooping over and beginning to pick up the stamps. "The rubber band has slipped from the book in which I carry these."

Swope was looking at the stamps with interest, and he began turning over those which had fallen face down. "Here, here, wait a minute!" he cried. "Let me look at these! I know something about stamps. Here's a pretty good Newfoundland; here's a good Peru; here's a—why, they're all good! Where did you get them?"

I sat down and talked stamps with him for half an hour; I went to luncheon with him, talking stamps; and I came back with him, talking stamps. In good time I introduced the subject of metallic packing, and I went out of his office that afternoon carrying a contract to supply packing for all the engines that were to be installed in the new mills.



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EDITORIAL.

Without Stamps—The postal authorities are interested in automatic machines whose markings will take the place of adhesive stamps. Recently, experimental trials were made of a machine in Chicago that are said to have been satisfactory. The use of the machine will avoid much of the routine work as the necessity for using stamps will be avoided and it will save time over the permit method. Automatic machines of the kind are no novelty, as descriptions of the machines in use in New Zealand have been widely heralded.

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Via Puerto Barrios—A specimen of the ten centavos, engraved Guatemala, 1887-95 issue, has been shown us on the back of an original cover, the stamp having the overprint in black in three lines: "Via—Puerto—Barrios." On the face of the envelope is one of the same stamps unsurcharged. The type used for the overprint is of the same general kind of that employed for the regulation surcharging of the time but the surcharge probably would come under the classification of overprint, used with the sanction of the authorities but not applied by them.

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Still They Come—We have just seen several copies of a new Sonora provisional on the original envelopes; and one of the covers was delivered in this country without postage due, although the stamps have no standing as issues recognized by the postal union, it need not be said. The stamp, five centavos green, has a central design of arms of Mexico. Above is "Mexico;" at right, "Correos;" at left, "Transito" and below under a tablet containing "5" is "Cinco Centavos." The stamp is a lithographed production, imperforate. The letters bearing the stamps came from Nacozari, a town in the northwestern part of the district of Sonora, about fifty miles from the American border.

King Heads—From a copy of the London *Times*, we learn that it is the wish of King George that the stamps of the British Colonies as well as those of the mother country bear the head of the king. This information is disclosed in connection with the announcement that King George has received from the postmaster-general of Australia, the first letter bearing the new Australian penny stamp that was posted; it contained "a sheet of twenty of the new stamps."

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On the 1853 Issue—In the issue of January 24th, a paragraph was devoted to a description of Confederate type-printed franks of the Confederate Post Office Department, on the three-cent, U. S. envelope of the 1857 issue. The Confederate "franks" are found rarely on the three-cent envelopes of the 1853 issue, U. S. envelope; and a copy under notice is the three-cent on buff, 1853, die 5, overprinted with the usual letterpress: "Confederate States of America. Post Office Department. Official Business," in three lines. Underneath is the signature of B. Fuller, as "Chief Clerk Post Office Department." The U. S. envelopes were utilized by the Confederate post office department, having been regarded as contraband of war. The southern postmasters had been instructed to return the federal postage stamps and stamped envelopes to Washington both by the northern and the southern postal administrations but, naturally, many of these supplies were not forwarded and some of the envelopes were placed in service by the south in the manner outlined.

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Addition—From Mr. Jas. Lewis Howe, Lexington, Virginia, to whom we are indebted for many bits of philatelic memorabilia on Confederate issues, we have received the following particulars: "Apropos of your editorial remarks regarding the Confederate Post Office Department frank on the United States three-cent envelope of the issue of 1857, I have a duplicate signed by 1st Asst. (?) Postmaster General Offutt, and also, an unused frank of the Finance Bureau. These were not, however, the only bureaus that used these franks, as I have a used envelope signed by B. N. Clements, Chief of the Appointment Bureau, postmarked Richmond, June 20 (1864?) and also bearing the impression, 'Free'." The franking privilege was abolished by the Confederate post office department, except as specified, as follows: "Provided, that the Postmaster General and his chief clerk, the chiefs of the Contract, Appointment and Finance Bureaus, and the Auditor of the Treasury for the post office department, shall be and they are hereby authorized to transmit through the mail, free of postage, any letters, packages, or other matters relating exclusively to their official duties, or to the business of the post office department, but they shall in every such case indorse on the back of the letter or package to be sent free of postage, over their own signature, the words, 'Official Business.'" It follows that regularly, there are only post office department franks found printed on United States stamped envelopes.

Not Franked Envelopes—The "Official Business" envelopes of the Confederacy are of many varieties. The functions of state and national governments were served by these envelopes for official use but it must be borne in mind that these envelopes were not really "franked" in any way by the inscription, "Official Business." There are many indications showing that the limitations of the franking privilege were strictly enforced and that only the post office department was the beneficiary, as intended. Even when envelopes of the post office department did not have postage stamps affixed and were without the autograph of the officer, they were rated with postage due. Letters emanating from the war and navy departments, for instance, when they did not bear postage stamps, were usually forwarded under the instructions, "Charge to War Dept." or notice of similar kind. The true franked envelope of the Confederacy was always one that originated in the post office department and bore the "free" impression. The "Official Business" envelopes were marked to prevent unauthorized use and, it might be said, to show the importance of the governmental mail. Only rarely is an envelope found showing a divergence from the rule.

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We Open Our Eyes—A franked envelope of the Confederacy is before us and reveals a point of decided interest and one that we do not remember having seen recorded heretofore. A three-cent, 1853, United States envelope, buff paper, die 5, bears the printed inscription: "Confederate States of America—Agency Post Office Department, Trans-Miss." in three lines, followed by the autographic inscription, J. S. Stern (?), Agent, under the familiar "Official Business." The postmark is Marshall, Texas, and the envelope is addressed to the postmaster of a town in western Louisiana. The type selection used in printing the frank is different from that of the franks used from Richmond. It will be news that the Confederate post office department maintained a Trans-Mississippi Agency post office department at Marshall, Texas, which was the distributing office from the territory west of the Mississippi. We should be particularly pleased to have any information about the Trans-Mississippi Department of the general post office department of the Confederacy from those who are able to speak on the subject.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

The United States Revenue Society has issued its Seventh Year Book. It contains the constitution and by-laws of the society and a detailed report of the annual convention. The membership list shows that the Society is in prosperous condition.

Who's Who in Philately, bearing 1914 as the date of issue, appears from the press of the Philatelic Circular, Balham, London, England. Its price is 25c. As the name of the book indicates, it gives in a concise form particulars concerning the collecting proclivities of and honors attained by the stamp collecting fraternity of the world. There is much other valuable information in this book, which is well worth the price asked by the publishers. We might add that so far as the American end of the book is concerned considerable improvement could be affected.

We have received from Victor Marsh, 389 Brixton Rd., London, England, an interleaved catalog of the philatelic periodicals that he now has on sale. It is nicely gotten up and will no doubt be sent to anyone upon application.

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CHAPTER LVII.

Commemoratives of 1909.

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Date of issue, January 28, 1909. Number issued, 150,299,500. Shades—carmine, 3.

Varieties—imperforate. Private perforations for machine use.

Blue experimental rag stock. Number issued, 637,000.

Alaska-Yukon.

This stamp, in denomination of 2 cents only, was issued to commemorate the Alaska-Yukon exhibition held in 1909 at Portland, Oregon. Data:

Date of issue, May 26, 1909. Number issued, 153,413,400. Shade—carmine, 2.

Variety—Imperforate. Private perforations for machine use.

Hudson-Fulton.

During this year the 100th anniversary of the first operation of Fulton's "Clermont" was commemorated by the issue of a special postage stamp. This was an ugly shaped oblong "sticker" bearing a picture of the steamer. Data:

Date of issue, September 14, 1909. Number issued 72,851,520. Shades, carmine, 3.

Varieties—imperforate. Private perforations for machine use.

Double transfer from plate number 5394—two varieties.

Double transfer, in label of value "O" in "Two" appearing like a figure 8 upon its side.

CHAPTER LVIII.

Issues of 1910 - 1911.

The so-called issue of 1910 consists of printing the designs of the issue of 1908, from 1 to 15 cents on paper containing the "Single Line Watermark". This is technically known as "sans serif" capitals—meaning without serifs or sharp corners. The use of the new watermark was begun on August 10, 1910, but no record was kept of the beginning of the use of that paper for the several denominations.

Although catalogued as the issue of 1912, I have it upon the authority of Mr. J. E. Ralph that this is known as 1911. The records show that the changed designs were all delivered to postoffices in 1912, the earliest date being January 11, 1912. It is likely that the bureau of engraving and printing dates the issues from the year of acceptance of designs, or the actual printing. The stamps of this issue are like the 1908 issue, except that the portrait of Washington was substituted for that of Franklin, in the 1 cent, and figures of value were added to each side of the label of value at bottom of the 1 and 2 cents. The head of Franklin was used in place of that of Washington in the denominations of the 8 cent, 10 cent, 15 cent, 50 cent and $1. As the stamps are all still current, no record of number of stamps issued is given. Data:

1 Cent—portrait of Washington—issued February 14, 1912.

1 Cent booklet—issued February 10, 1912.

1 Cent, coil—issued March 20, 1912. Variety—imperforate.

2 Cents—portrait of Washington—issued February 14, 1912.

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8 Cents—portrait of Franklin—issued February 14, 1912.

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15 Cents—portrait of Franklin—issued February 14, 1912.

50 Cents—portrait of Franklin—issued February 14, 1912.

$1—portrait of Franklin—issued February 14, 1912.

CHAPTER XLIII-A.

6 Cents, 1882.

The design for the 6 cent stamps of this series is one of the legitimate re-engraved varieties. Instead of the lines being recut and deepened, as was the case with some of the other stamps, this was entirely re-engraved, with the exception of the portrait. The process of making this stamp is an interesting study. To produce the frame a new design or die was engraved. Some attempt was made to imitate the design of the preceding six cent stamp, but there are some minor differences which are readily recognized by the expert. After the new die was made the transfer of the portrait of Washington was impressed into the still soft steel of the re-engraved die, and the whole was hardened. Then new transfer rolls were made of the completed design and the plates were made from these transfers.

The test of the expert in determining this stamp from the one of issue of 1870-79 is found in the vertical lines on each side of the panel. There are but three of these lines where there were four in the other. The horizontal lines in the background were deepened and made heavier, so that the entire stamp looks very much darker. These tests are not required by the collector who has handled any number of either issue, for they readily discern the difference without close examination.

The stamps were first issued in June, 1882. Two plates were made, numbers 426 and 427.

The shades, as classified by Mr. Luff, are: brown rose, dull rose, claret, deep claret, Indian red.

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UNITED STATES.—Evidently we are in for a flood of the special cancellations which have been so popular in Canada during the past year or two. The latest to come to hand was sent by Frank B. Eldredge, and advertises the "Sixth National Corn Exposition, Feb. 10 to 24, 1914," at Dallas, Texas.

W. Godfrey Matt, M. D., reports the 2c of 1912 with a clean cut perforation 10, evidently from a booklet pane. This completes the chronicle of the new perforation.

BRITISH COLONIES.—A statement appears in the last number of the *Colonial Journal*, which will come as a disagreeable surprise to many collectors and dealers. It refers to the papers colored on one side only, the *Journal* stating:

"It will have been noticed that many issues, which have till lately been made on colored papers, are now being made on white paper. The change is only temporary and has been caused by a difficulty in obtaining colored papers. The mill which for a great number of years had supplied all the watermarked papers, both for the Imperial Government and the Crown Agents, was suddenly closed down. The colored papers in stock had to be reserved for the stamps printed by the copper plate process, for which white paper is unsuitable, as the paper has to be wetted and cannot therefore very well be coated with chalk. The difficulty of obtaining the colored papers is partly due to the necessity for official inspection; the quantity turned out by the mill must be closely watched, but few manufacturers are willing to allow their processes to be seen; and in addition it is no doubt difficult to get the exact shades. Pending the conclusion of a new contract, the difficulty was met by surfacing white paper with colored chalk, but there is a little loss of brightness on the face of the stamps, and the difference on the back is of course obvious. A number of stamps have been recently supplied on this surfaced paper. Colored papers will again be used for them when available, and it is expected that this will be at an early date." The above, which we are enabled to use by courtesy of the New England Stamp Co., is supplemented by the following list of stamps which have been issued to date on the papers colored on one side only:

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EGYPT.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the new series of stamps, which was issued at Cairo, January 8, the 22d anniversary of the accession of the Khedive Abbas Hilmi. The striking innovations about the new series are the discarding of the design and shape in use since 1872, and the substitution of English words for French in the inscription and denomination. The stamps were engraved and printed by De La Rue & Co. of London, and as usual are perfect specimens of the printer's art. Another notable feature of the new series is the substitution of milliemes for piastres throughout, and the issue of another denomination than previously seen. There are ten values, all upright oblongs, the first six values being in the conventional size, and the four higher values of larger size. The paper is white wove, watermarked Star and Crescent, and the perforation is 14. The subjects treated include scenes in Egypt, ruins, etc., and together form a most interesting collection. The 1m shows a spirited drawing of gyassas or native sailing boats on the Nile. The 2m has a representation of the Goddess Isis, probably taken from a monument. Her chief temple stood in the midst of the Delta of the Nile at Busiris. She was the most generally worshipped of the Egyptian divinities, and her cult extended to the Greeks and Romans. She is generally pictured as a youthful woman, with cow's horns on her headdress, with the orb of the moon between. The 3m shows a view from the Harbor of the Ras-el-Tin palace in the Mohammedan quarter of modern Alexandria. On the 4m is a view of the famous Pyramids of Giza, the latter being a town on the left bank of the Nile, a few miles from the Pyramids, the Sphinx and the ruins of Memphis. The Sphinx is pictured full face on the 5m, while the 10m shows the two seated Colossi of Amenophis II. on the bank of the Nile at Thebes, on the opposite bank from Karnak and Luxor. The 20m is the first of the larger stamps, and shows in the foreground the Pylon or Gateway to the Karnak Temple, north of Luxor. This enormous gateway, which was erected by Ptolemy Energetes I, opens on the ruins of the recently excavated Temple of Chensu. On the 50m is seen the citadel at Cairo, the fortified part of the city, where are large barracks, housing a considerable part of the British Army of Occupation. The 100m depicts the wonderful carved brick temple at Ipsambul, or Abu Simbel, on the left bank of the Nile, north of Wady Halfa. The 200m is perhaps the least satisfactory stamp of the series, owing to the difficulty of showing a great masonry dam over a mile in length. This is the dam at Assoun, built several years ago for the impounding of the surplus waters of the Nile.

The design of the frame is the same for all values, having the words "Egypt Postage" at the bottom, and their equivalent in Arabic at the top, and the value in words in English at the left and their Arabic equivalent at the right. The value in figures appears in small squares in the corners. Envelopes, letter cards, post cards and wrappers are included in the series.

Adhesives.

1m sepia.
2m bright green.
3m orange yellow.
4m vermilion.
5m lake.
10m deep blue.
20m olive.
50m mauve.
100m deep slate.
200m claret.

Envelopes.

1m chocolate.
2m bright green.
3m orange brown.
10m sky blue.

Letter Sheet.

5m crimson.

Wrappers.

1m chocolate.
2m bright green.

Post Cards.

2m bright green.
4m vermilion.

We are also indebted to Arthur Russell for information regarding the new set. The envelope stamps are in the familiar octagon embossed style.

HONDURAS.—Evidently the postal authorities in Honduras are finding the surcharging of provisional stamps, too profitable a privilege to be given up. A. W. Dunning shows us the 2c carmine recently issued and chronicled, surcharged "1 cent" in large type in black. The specimen shown was used on a letter from Tegucigalpa. John A. Cooper also sends information regarding this stamp.

Provisional Adhesive.

"1 cent" on 2c carmine.

NICARAGUA.—Dr. Roy F. Desart reports having seen the 2c on 35c, Scott's No. 318, with the date reading "9131." Also has seen the same stamp cut diagonally in half, and used as one centavo. Many of the Cordoba surcharges have an inverted "u" for an "n" in "centavos."

TURKEY.—According to *Ewen's Weekly*, the Adrianople remainders are to be surcharged for use as postal dues, 2 and 5 paras on the 10pa green, 10 paras on the 20pa red and 20 paras on the 40pa blue. The new series now in preparation for the regular postal service will have a portrait of the Sultan upon the highest value. As this is contrary to the teachings of the Mohammedan religion, it is expected that there will be great objection raised by the faithful, and that the stamp may have to be withdrawn.

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1-2	Br. E. Africa 1903, ½p, 1p (2 var.)	.40	.25
33-34	Gambia 1902-05, 4p, 6p (2 var.)	.95	.60
45	Gibraltar 1903, 4sh	2.50	1.75
54-55	St. Kitts-Nevis 1903, 2½p, 3p, (2 var.)	1.35	.75
56-57	St. Kitts-Nevis 1903, 6p 1sh (2 var.)	1.35	.85
29-30	Seychelles Is. 1901, 3c on 10c; 3c on 16c, (2 var.)	.65	.25
31-32	Seychelles Is. 1901, 3c on 36c, 6c on 8c, (2 var.)	.50	.20
1-2	So. Nigeria 1901, ½p, 1p, (2 var.)	.30	.10
3-4	So. Nigeria 1901, 2p, 4p, (2 var.)	.85	.50
7	So. Nigeria 1901, 2sh 6p	3.25	2.00
16	So. Nigeria 1902, 2sh 6p	3.75	2.25
8	So. Nigeria 1901, 5sh	6.25	4.00
9	So. Nigeria 1901, 10sh	7.50	5.50
17	So. Nigeria 1902, 5sh	5.00	3.95
18	So. Nigeria 1902, 10sh	5.00	3.50
91	Natal 1902-03, 2sh	2.00	1.25
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BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 20, 1914.

The Annual Meeting being the 306th (regular) meeting of the Society, was held at the Club Room this evening with President Nevin in the chair and forty members and friends present.

The reading of minutes was dispensed with and the annual reports, with the exception of that of the Bourse, read by Mr. Dunning, were referred to the Council for consideration.

The resignations of Nos. 386 and 545 were read and accepted.

It was voted that the Secretary cast one ballot for the principal officers nominated, which was done, electing Theodore W. Barry, President; Louis G. Barrett, Vice-president; C. A. Howes, Secretary; Philip Wolff, Foreign Secretary; and G. Carlton Russell, Treasurer.

Vice-president Barrett took the chair in the absence of the newly elected President, and the members at large of the Council were then ballotted for resulting in the election of Messrs. A. Parker Brown, C. K. B. Nevin, Chas. S. Hill, E. S. Phelps, Dr. L. S. Hapgood and Wm. G. Bail.

The amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of the Superintendents of Auctions, Sales and Bourse was passed and the acting Superintendents renominated, and then elected.

It was voted that the President, Secretary and Treasurer be authorized to incorporate the Society, and the necessary motions looking to the transfer of property, etc., were made and passed.

Temporary adjournment was made to provide for the entertainment of the evening. Mr. Joseph A. Steinmetz of Philadelphia was kind enough to bring a portion of his collection of "interesting stamps" which won the Visitors' Cup at the New York Exhibition. Needless to say it proved no less interesting to our members, and not the least enjoyable part was the running comment of Mr. Steinmetz as he turned the pages before us. A rising vote of thanks was passed to the kind exhibitor at its close. Mr. S. J. Steinmetz of Boston accompanied his brother and gave us an enjoyable talk previous to the exhibit.

The Society was presented with a copy of the new work on New Zealand stamps by one of the members.

The following new members were elected: No. 588, Andrews Hallet; No. 589, J. Haines Maxwell.

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Blanks will be sent to all, excepting to foreign countries. I wish all members would express themselves as soon as the official organ is received.

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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Lubeck.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

The quantites printed of the ½ and 1sch would appear to be ridiculously small but they lasted nearly two years. A further printing was made in 1861 consisting of 1100 sheets (110,000 stamps) of the ½sch and 499 sheets (49,900 stamps) of the 1sch. As no more of the fancy paper watermarked with myosotis flowers was available ordinary unwatermarked white wove paper was used. The same stones were used and with the exception of the paper the stamps are exactly like those of the preceding issue. These two varieties are said to have been issued in September, 1861.

Reference List.

1861. No wmk. Imperf.

6. ½sch dull lilac, Scott's No. 6.
7. 1sch orange, Scott's No. 7.

Both these stamps are very much rarer used than unused and about twice as rare with gum as without.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

In consequence, it is said, of the stamps being extensively counterfeited it was decided to issue a new series and the order for these was placed with the Royal Prussian Printing Establishment at Berlin. As it was determined to issue a series of envelopes as well as adhesives the same dies were utilised for both, and these were engraved by Schilling. The values are the same as those of the series they replaced the design being alike for all five. In the center are the Arms of Lubeck on an upright oval of solid ground, around which is



an engine-turned band inscribed "LUEBECK" in its upper portion and "SCHILLING" at the base, while the numerals denoting the values are shown on uncolored discs at the sides. The stamps were embossed in color on plain white wove paper in sheets of 100 (10 rows of 10) and, as in the case of most other embossed stamps produced at this establishment, the rows were numbered in the margins. The stamps were rouletted 11½ in line.

These new stamps were first placed on sale on July 1st, 1863, when the preceding set ceased to be issued, though their use was permitted until the end of the year as a convenience to the general public. The quantities printed were as follows:—

½sch 1,200 sheets = 120,000 stamps.
1sch 800 sheets = 80,000 stamps.
2sch 1,200 sheets = 120,000 stamps.
2½sch 500 sheets = 50,000 stamps.
4sch 800 sheets = 80,000 stamps.

This parcel was dispatched from Berlin in June, 1863, and no more of the 2, 2½, and 4sch were printed. A further supply of 240 sheets of the ½sch (24,000 stamps) was printed in October, 1865, and a second supply of the 1 schilling, consisting of 200 sheets (20,000 stamps) was printed in May, 1867. This latter differs from the others in having a gauge of ten for the roulette. The color was also different from the 1sch issued in 1863, the shade being orange instead of the previous orange-vermilion.

Reference List.

1863-67. Embossed. No wmk. Rouletted 11½.

8. ½sch green, Scott's No. 8.
9. 1sch orange-vermilion, Scott's No. 9.
10. 1sch orange, Roul. 10, Scott's No. 9a.
11. 2sch rose. Scott's No. 10.
12. 2½sch ultramarine, Scott's No. 11.
13. 4sch bistre, Scott's No. 12.

THE FOURTH ISSUE.

Until 1864 Denmark had maintained a post-office in Lubeck but when, owing to the war, the duchies of Schleswig, Holstein, and Lauenberg were detached from Denmark this office was abandoned. Mail for the duchies was then handled by the city Post the rate on single letters being fixed at 1¼sch. As there was no stamp of that value or a ¼sch by means of which the rate might be made up in conjunction with a 1sch a 1¼sch stamp had to be issued and as the demand for this was somewhat urgent it was decided to produce it locally by lithography rather than wait for a supply from Berlin. H. G. Rahtgens, who produced the first series, was entrusted with the manufacture of this 1¼sch label. The design is a palpable copy of the embossed stamps and shows the Arms of Lubeck on a dotted ground within an upright oval band inscribed in a similar manner to the stamps of the 1863 series. The stamps were lithographed in sheets of 100 and there were two printings. The first of these took place in March, 1864, when 525 sheets (52,500 stamps) were printed and the second was made in November of the same year when 517 sheets, or 51,700 stamps were prepared. They were issued imperforate and a number of different shades may be found.



Reference List.

1864. No wmk. Imperf.

14. 1¼sch brown, Scott's No. 14.

THE FIFTH ISSUE.

On October 1st, 1865, the postage between Lubeck and Travemund on the one side, and Hamburg, Bergedorf and Geestacht on the other was reduced to 1½ schilling, and a stamp to provide for the new rate was ordered from Berlin together with an envelope of similar value. The first supply of 202 sheets (20,200 stamps) was sent in November, 1865. and a second supply of 200 sheets (20,000 stamps) was despatched in May, 1867, these being printed in a brighter tint. The design is similar to that of 1863 except that the inscribed band is octagonal instead of oval while the rectangular form is obtained by the filling of the angles with engine-turning. These were rouletted 11½ in line like the emission of 1863.

This was the last special stamp issued by the Lubeck administration (though there was a later printing of the 1sch as we have already shown) before its absorption by the North German Confederation on January 1st, 1868.



Reference List.

1867. Embossed. No wmk. Roul. 11½.

15. 1½sch mauve, Scott's No 13.

THE REMAINDERS.

At the time the Lubeck Post-office went out of business as a distinctive stamp issuing establishment quite a considerable number of stamps remained on hand and these were sold in December, 1868, to M. Ch. Pelletreau, of Paris, for about $450.00. The lot comprised the following:—

1859. ½sch 72,500 stamps.
1sch 29,500 stamps,
2sch 79,500 stamps.
2½sch 26,500 stamps.
4sch 107,500 stamps.
1863. ½sch 23,968 stamps.
1sch 7,228 stamps.
2sch 50,828 stamps.
2½sch 28,951 stamps.
4sch 17,851 stamps.
1864. 1¼sch 30,652 stamps.
1865. 1½sch 97,071 stamps.

Those of the first issue were all without gum and the two lowest values were the varieties on unwatermarked paper. Of the 2sch, 1590 were the errors inscribed "Zwei ein HALB."

REPRINTS.

In 1871 Herr Kirchner, a soldier who had been wounded in the Franco-German war, obtained the permission of the authorities to make reprints of all the stamps of Lubeck excepting the 1¼sch of 1864 for which, apparently, no die had been made, or, if made, had been lost. These reprints were made for Herr Kirchner by H. G. Rahtgens who charged the modest sum of $7.50 for the work. Of the 1859 issue 250 of each value were reprinted with an additional 250 of the 1sch on thick paper. As the original stones were not available new ones had to be made and these were small ones of 25 impressions in five rows of five. These varieties are, therefore, not true reprints but imitations made with official sanction. The paper is thin (with the exception of the extra lot of 1sch already referred to) and unwatermarked, the gum smooth and evenly applied, instead of thick and yellowish as in the originals, and the colors are also different. As these reprints are far rarer than the original stamps they are not likely to worry the average collector.

At the same time reprints of the 1863 issue were made and also of the 1½sch of 1865. There were only 250 of these likewise, but as they were neither embossed nor rouletted, and printed in colors widely differing from the originals their identification should be a simple matter. These are, of course, as rare as the reprints of the 1859 set.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—"I was glad to see that you have started the New Year right, by giving us another Hunt Rebus to solve and I only hope that it will interest enough other Hunters to warrant another one at a later date. By working overtime, 22 hours a day, since last Saturday and also going without meals in order to save time I've managed to find answers to each one. Only two minutes were required to find No. 9 but all of the aforementioned 22 hrs. was needed to find our friend of the scraggly whiskers—No. 11."—C. A. YARRINGTON.

—We need two or three copies more of the WEEKLY dated July 22, 1911, and we shall be pleased to send two foreign exchanges to anyone favoring us with number desired.

—A local stamp club has been formed in Brooklyn, N. Y., with Geo. T. Lane as president and Wm. Lycett as secretary-treasurer.

—*Ohlman's Philatelic Advertiser* is at hand. It is described as "a price list for the shrewd stamp buyer" and its numerous pages are crowded with offers. It will no doubt be sent upon application.

—The Indiana Stamp Co. states that it has received a request for approvals from Homer Price, Anchorage, Ky., but letters addressed to references were returned by the local postoffice marked "no such parties here."

—Clippings have been received from Appleton Thayer, Mrs. W. E. Underwood, Hyde Park Stamp Co., C. G. W. Carlson, W. Ellsworth Hibbard.

—We have received from the Glenn Stamp Co., a list of eleven collectors with whom the firm has had unsatisfactory dealings. No less than five of them are located in N. Y. City. For obvious reasons we do not publish this list, though we shall be pleased to do so if some attorney or collecting agency will pass upon the same.

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He hasn't got long to stay,—
He's curled up his non-philatelical tail
(It could knock you down like the flap of a flail)
And he's well on the skip and away.

For his luck fell through, and the Kangaroo
Is a quite irrevocable loss;—
He's off to the realm of the great might-have-bins—
A consummate tangle of elbows and shins—
To the joy of the gay Southern Cross.

The prize we drew was this Kangaroo—
(We never got nothing beside)—
A decade evolved this ridiculus mus
In the guise of a volatile Kangaroo cuss
With a caricature of a glide.

But he would not do, would the Kangaroo,
For the Antipodes jibbed at the sight;
Said they couldn't put up with a creature like that,
Too strong for a rabbit, too tall for a rat—
(And, for once in a way, they were right.)

We couldn't be true to the Kangaroo,
He wasn't at all the thing
To our fine philatelic inflexible taste,
With his ears acock and his knees misplaced—
For the stamp of a land of the King.

He'd do for the Zoo, would the Kangaroo;
In the scrub he might look very well;
But he isn't the chap to bestraddle a map
All clipperty-clopperty, flipperty-flap—
With a really remarkable smell.

Green, yellow, or blue, he's a Kangaroo,
A thing of equivocal grace;
And it seems that his fate is uncommonly black,
Now he's taken the sack and will never come back,
With a hop and a jump into space.

So the world is askew for the Kangaroo—
We are all of us happy because—
His loss, 'neath the Line, for marsupial sin
Is a win for the world, shews a world with A. Wynne,—
For he was "the limit"—he was.

The Moral.

This moral's on view at the end of my cue—
I always have morals on tap—
(Pari passu, I'd pass you this tip—to display
Zoological bounders in leaping array
Is to drop to the level of Liber-i-a):—
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THE 1 CENT PARCEL POST.

The 1 cent stamp shows part of the mailing division of a large post office. In the foreground is a clerk distributing mail into four semi-circular rows of open mail bags.

This design was finished and approved on November 18, 1912, the first printing being made on the same day. The last printing of this stamp was made on June 6, 1913 at which time 209,691,540 of these stamps had been printed. On December 15, 1913, none of these were in stock at the Bureau.

Forty plates were prepared for this denomination, thirty-nine of which were finished. Twenty-five of the finished plates were used in printing this stamp and fifteen of them were never put to press. Ten of the twenty-five plates used for the actual printing were put to press before the marginal imprint of value was added to them.

The plate numbers and data relative to these plates follows:

PLATES USED FOR THE 1 CENT PARCEL POST STAMP.

Plate No.	*Finished.*	*First Printing.*	*Imprint?*	*Added?*	*Printed before added?*
6199	Nov. 18, 1912	Nov. 18, '12 to Dec. 3, '12	Yes	Mar. 1, '13	Yes
6200	Nov. 18, 1912	Nov. 18, '12 to Dec. 3, '12	Yes	Mar. 1, '13	Yes
6201	Nov. 18, 1912	Nov. 18, '12 to Dec. 3, '12	No	.....	...
6202	Nov. 18, 1912	Nov. 18, '12 to Dec. 3, '12	No	.....	...
6203	Nov. 19, 1912	Nov. 18, '12 to Dec. 6, '12	No	.....	...
6204	Nov. 19, 1912	Nov. 18, '12 to Dec. 6, '12	Yes	Mar. 1, '13	Yes
6205	Nov. 19, 1912	Nov. 18, '12 to Dec. 6, '12	No	.....	...
6206	Nov. 19, 1912	Nov. 18, '12 to Dec. 6, '12	Yes	Mar. 1, '13	Yes
6207	Nov. 23, 1912	Nov. 25, '12 to Dec. 4, '12	No	.....	...
6208	Nov. 21, 1912	Nov. 25, '12 to Dec. 4, '12	No	.....	...
6209	Nov. 23, 1912	Nov. 25, '12 to Dec. 4, '12	No	.....	...
6210	Nov. 21, 1912	Nov. 25, '12 to Dec. 4, '12	No	.....	...
6330	Jan. 1, 1913	Jan. 27, '13 to Feb. 18, '13	Yes	Feb. 18, '13	Yes
6331	Jan. 8, 1913	Jan. 11, '13 to Feb. 4, '13	Yes	Feb. 4, '13	Yes
6332	Jan. 8, 1913	Jan. 11, '13 to Feb. 4, '13	Yes	Feb. 4, '13	Yes
6333	Jan. 8, 1913	Jan. 11, '13 to Feb. 4, '13	Yes	Feb. 4, '13	Yes
6334	Jan. 8, 1913	Jan. 11, '13 to Feb. 4, '13	Yes	Feb. 4, '13	Yes
6335	Jan. 11, 1913	Jan. 27, '13 to Feb. 18, '13	Yes	Feb. 18, '13	Yes
6336	Jan. 13, 1913	Jan. 27, '13 to Feb. 18, '13	Yes	Feb. 18, '13	Yes
6337	Jan. 10, 1913	Jan. 27, '13 to Feb. 18, '13	Yes	Feb. 18, '13	Yes
6375	Feb. 7, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6376	Feb. 7, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6377	Feb. 1, 1913	Feb. 17, '13 to Mar. 7, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6378	Feb. 10, 1913	Feb. 17, '13 to Mar. 7, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6380	Feb. 6, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6382	Feb. 6, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6383	Feb. 7, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6388	Feb. 5, 1913	Feb. 17, '13 to Feb. 24, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6391	Feb. 8, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6393	Feb. 10, 1913	Feb. 17, '13 to Feb. 24, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6394	Feb. 7, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6399	Feb. 10, 1913	Feb. 17, '13 to Mar. 7, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6579	June 18, 1913	.....	No	.....	...
6580	June 17, 1913	.....	No	.....	...
6583	June 18, 1913	.....	No	.....	...
6584	June 19, 1913	.....	No	.....	...
6586	June 26, 1913	.....	No	.....	...
6587	June 24, 1913	.....	No	.....	...
6598	.....	.....	...	.....	...
6599	June 24, 1913	.....	No	.....	...

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is the Capital of Abyssinia. Some say that The Emperor Menelik is dead whilst others strenuously deny the assertion. That our correspondent was alive on January 3, 1914 is certain as a letter sent us that day has arrived with the following:

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¼g green, King Solomon's Throne	.03
½g rose, King Solomon's Throne	.06
1g orange and green, King Solomon's Throne	.08
2g blue, Arab	.16
4g claret, Arab	.32
8g slate and red, Emperor Menelik	.60
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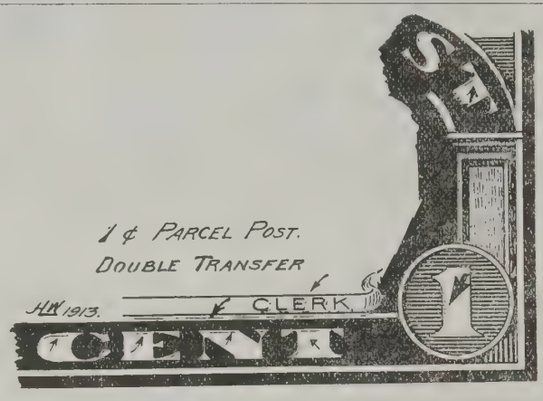
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The color line under the title "Post Office Clerk" is double; the colorless circles around the numerals are out by the lines forming the background; there is a line through the top of the word "cents"; the background lines enter the left edge of the colorless numerals; the letters "S" and "ST" of "U. S. Parcel Post" show shade lines; the word "clerk" shows faintly double; and in the colorless curved line above the letters "U. S." the background lines are apparent.

This stamp has a straight edge at the left.

THE 2 CENT PARCEL POST STAMP.

The 2 cent stamp shows a "City Carrier" engaged in his usual routine of city delivery. The design for this stamp was finished November 15, 1912 and was that day officially approved. The first printing was on the following day, November 16, 1912 and the last printing on July 17, 1913. During this time a total of 206,417,700 of these stamps were printed, of which 185,841,446 had been delivered to various post offices by December 15, 1913, there remaining in stock at the Bureau at that time 20,576,-254 of these stamps.

The total number of plates engraved for this stamp is forty-three, nineteen of which were never used. Of the twenty-four plates which were used five were printed before the imprint was added. The imprint was on the last eight plates used before they were put to press.

The plate numbers and notes regarding each plate for this denomination follow herewith:

PLATES USED FOR THE 2 CENT PARCEL POSTAGE STAMP.

No.	*Finished.*	*First Printing.*	*Imprint?*	*Added?*	*Printed before added?*
6177	Nov. 15, 1912	Nov. 16, '12 to Nov. 22, '12	No	.....	...
6178	Nov. 15, 1912	Nov. 16, '12 to Nov. 22, '12	No	.....	...
6179	Nov. 15, 1912	Nov. 16, '12 to Nov. 22, '12	No	.....	...
6180	Nov. 15, 1912	Nov. 16, '12 to Dec. 6, '12	No	.....	...
6181	Nov. 15, 1912	Nov. 16, '12 to Dec. 6, '12	No	.....	...
6182	Nov. 15, 1912	Nov. 16, '12 to Dec. 6, '12	No	.....	...
6183	Nov. 15, 1912	Nov. 16, '12 to Dec. 6, '12	No	.....	...
6184	Nov. 15, 1912	Nov. 16, '12 to Nov. 22, '12	No	.....	...
6195	Nov. 21, 1912	June 4, '13 to June 14, '13	Yes	Mar. 3, '13	Yes
6196	Nov. 26, 1912	June 4, '13 to June 30, '13	No	.....	...
6197	Nov. 26, 1912	June 4, '13 to Feb. 13, '13	No	.....	...
6198	Nov. 22, 1912	June 4, '13 to Feb. 13, '13	No	.....	...
6338	Jan. 13, 1913	Jan. 20, '13 to Jan. 24, '13	Yes	Feb. 15, '13	Yes
6339	Jan. 13, 1913	Jan. 20, '13 to Jan. 24, '13	Yes	Feb. 15, '13	Yes
6340	Jan. 13, 1913	Jan. 20, '13 to Jan. 24, '13	Yes	Feb. 15, '13	Yes
6341	Jan. 11, 1913	Jan. 20, '13 to Jan. 24, '13	Yes	Feb. 15, '13	Yes
6367	Jan. 31, 1913	Feb. 12, '13 to Feb. 18, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6370	Jan. 1913	Feb. 17, '13 to Feb. 27, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6371	Jan. 1913	Feb. '13 to Feb. '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6374	Jan. 1913	Feb. 12, '13 to Feb. 18, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6379	Feb. 6, 1913	Feb. 12, '13 to Feb. 18, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6384	Feb. 1913	Feb. 17, '13 to Feb. 27, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6390	Feb. 5, 1913	Feb. 12, '13 to Feb. 18, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6395	Feb. 7, 1913	Feb. 17, '13 to Feb. 27, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	

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Our February Special Number

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1896 *5s violet ..... .30
1897 *2, 10, 20c ..... .10
1899 *20, 50c ..... .05
1901 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c, 1s ..... .15
1908 1, 2, 5c ..... .10
1909 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20c ..... .20
1911 1, 2, 5, 10c ..... .05
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1901, 2dr gold, used ..... .23
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1906, 2dr rose, used ..... .28
Hawaii 1894, 10c green, mint ..... .17
1894, 12c blue, mint ..... .20
1894, 25c blue, mint ..... .40
Labuan 1897, 1 to 24c, 9 var., used.... .25
1901, 1 to 24c, 9 var. used ..... .25
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*Ecuador 1899, Officials, 4 var. comp.... .25
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Soudan 1902, 1m to 5pi, 7 var. comp... .28
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NEW TURKISH STAMPS.

The Turkish government has had a new issue of postage stamps printed in London. Hashim Bey, Secretary of the Post & Telegraph Department, was sent to London to supervise the process. The latest report is that they will be ready for the public about the middle of February. The complete issue numbers 150,000,000; 26 varieties, from 2 paras to 50 piastres. The face value of a complete set amounts to four Turkish liras or about $18.00. From the artistic standpoint, this issue will surpass all previous ones.

The pictures will be different views of Constantinople and vicinity, with a framework of Turkish and Arabic design. The lower values are in one color, the higher in two colors. The total cost of printing, including paper etc., is given out as 5,000 Turkish liras, or about $22,500.00. At this date (Jan. 8) the greater part of this issue is in the hands of the Turkish government; the rest have been left in London to be surcharged with a star for use on foreign correspondence. The star will take the place of the present surcharge of the Turkish letter "b". The remainder of the present issue will not be destroyed, as usually done heretofore, but will be used until exhausted.

All but 600,000 of the stamps commemorating the recapture of Adrianople have been used up. This remainder will be surcharged "Taxe" and in a few days will be put to use as postage due stamps. Caraco Effendi has purchased 2,000 Turkish liras or nearly $10,000.00 worth of these postage dues to sell to collectors with the stipulation, however, that the Turkish government shall not sell any more to the public but use the rest as postage due stamps.

THE SHERIDAN BOOK ADVT.

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CALLING ON THE OLD WORLD TO REDRESS THE INJUSTICE OF THE NEW.

To the Editor of THE SUN—*Sir:* Having failed to impress upon the publishers of America the value of my literary wares I shall now try the publishers of Europe, of Great Britain and the Continent.

Can you tell me where in this city I can buy postage stamps of the various European countries?

A STRUGGLING AUTHOR.

New York, February 2.

TO PREVENT SUBSTITUTION.

By ARTHUR L. GLEASON.

There had always been a hitch against sending stamps on approval especially in books because of the fact that it was so hard to keep a list to show which stamps occupied each space. Of course large dealers overcome this by having trays made in compartments, but this is rather expensive for a small dealer or exchanger. While thinking over this problem recently I hit on an idea which seemed to me to be good and which on practice worked even better than I expected.

First I took some sheets of paper 3"x5" and had them ruled in seventeen lines one-quarter of an inch apart. Down the center I had ruled another line. Every fifth line was made heavy denoting a page in the approval book. Starting in the upper left hand corner I used the first five lines down the page to denote the top row in the book. Then commencing with the upper right hand corner I used the corresponding five lines to denote the bottom row. In the upper right hand corner of each line I stamped in ink the catalog value of the stamps in the corresponding place. Then in pencil I wrote the country and catalog number in the remaining space. By selecting a good quality of paper each sheet can be erased about fifty or sixty times. In this manner when a stamp is removed it is very easy to erase the country and number and substitute another in its place. This is also a proof against substitutions as the sender has a direct copy of the stamps in any definite space.

THE DEATH OF PHILIP WOLFF.

Our readers will be deeply pained to hear of the death of Philip Wolff, a former contributor to the WEEKLY, an officer of the B. P. S. and a very enthusiastic philatelist. Strange to say we have been unable to learn more than the bare fact that Mr. Wolff is dead and the following tribute written by A. W. Dunning is expressive of the regret of Boston Philatelists who knew Mr. Wolff as a splendid type of philatelist:—

"A strange happening has come to pass in the 'Boston Philatelic Society.' I refer to the sudden, and only recently known, death of Philip Wolff, our admirable and efficient International Secretary. We, members of the society of which he was an honored member and which he served conscientiously, wisely and with the intelligence that could alone come from his knowledge of foreign languages and in which the majority of his co-members could not hope to equal him, in his regularity of attendance at meetings (even when his studies demanded his attention), his good nature and his desire to help those in need of his help or counsel, cannot but feel a personal loss. That, in complete ignorance of his death, we should have re-elected him to fill the position which he so ably occupied during his lifetime, seems to me, though an unfortunate one in so far as the 'Boston Philatelic Society' is concerned, yet one of the highest compliments to Mr. Wolff. While I realize that the action of the society in electing as one of its officers a man dead and buried, is open to comment, I trust that such comment will be made in a generous spirit, a spirit recognizing the fact that we may die in obscurity or that the news of our demise may be heralded far and near, but that the really important thing is, that those who speak of our death may do so with regret, that they may have something good to say of our lives, and that our lives may prove an incentive—as was Mr. Wolff's—to the progress of others."

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The names of Stanley Gibbons Inc., J. M. Bartels Co., McGraw Stamp Co., Queen City Stamp Co., Newfoundland Stamp Exchange, Chesapeake, Emily King, H. Tasker, Reliance Stamp Co., etc., are lending strength to our already long list of patrons.

Mr. Tasker urges us to reserve a good quarter page in the issue of Feb. 28 and this we have done. We intend to make this special number just as attractive as possible. As Mr. Aldrich says, "Write us now," if not, to quote the Sterling Co., "We Both Lose."

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Early Philatelic Print—All printed references to stamp collecting before the year 1860 have an interest to collectors who have antiquarian instincts. Accounts of stamp collecting in the press during the decade, 1850 to 1860, are not found in profusion, it is readily imagined. At the time, collecting was not a systematized pursuit by any means, even though there were a few collectors then who arranged their stamps in an orderly way. That stamp collecting was not regarded as an organized branch of endeavor at that early day is a circumstance proved by the absence of any literature even of the most elementary kind exclusively on the subject of stamps. It was not until 1861 that a list of twelve pages appeared in France; and it was in 1862 that English publications began to make their appearance. It has been claimed that a reference to stamp collecting appeared in the *Family Herald* in the year 1851, as contrasted to remarks on stamp hoarding or accumulating that appeared before that date in the *Times* and in *Punch*. Early in the sixties there were a number of articles on stamps and stamp collecting in the periodical press of England and Scotland that proclaimed to the public the presence of "the last new mania."

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It Is Before Us—With feelings in which it may be said reverence almost has a part, we have just read "Something About Postage Stamps," an article, six columns in length, in the *Leisure Hour*, "a family journal of instruction and recreation," of August 4, 1859. The *Leisure Hour* was a London weekly published at a popular price, one penny, but it was of excellent class relatively speaking, with contents of an order much superior to its cost. Notice the sympathetic note that is sounded in the opening paragraph of the article: "We confess to harbouring something like a tender affection for those little parallelogrammic portraits of Her Majesty in red, which, costing us only a penny each, yet frank our letters to any part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. * * * A single one of them guarantees you the despatch of a missive for a distance of five hundred miles, if you like, with the speed of the carrier pigeon and the punctuality of clockwork; and will thus perform for its owner a feat which would cost him twenty pounds or so to execute in person, and which, had he existed a century ago, he could not have accomplished with a mine of wealth."

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To Proceed—The article gives a lively sketch of the old "franking days" before the use of adhesive stamps and we read: "The Penny Post, and the appearance of the miniature Queen's head, put an end to the begging of franks from members of Parliament. Even Government servants now use the red stamps on their letters, with the exception (though perhaps that is not the sole exception) of the members of the Cabinet, who have a round red stamp of their own, bearing the word 'Paid,' and no Queen's head." Further, a description that does not suffer from technical diffuseness of the manufacture of the penny stamps is given; and the reason for the use of the lower corner letters is explained. The statement is made: "There has never been, and probably never will be, an instance of the forgery of postage stamps." The lack of incentive to the commission of the crime is shown and the difficulties enumerated of making the original die, the blocks or plates, the watermarked paper and the special ink, as the forger would have to do.

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The Original—We have found the first "condition crank" and those who regard the critic of erratic separation as a creation of modern philately may now know that they must revise their opinion. The *Leisure Hour* article is our authority for bumping tradition, as may be seen from the following complaint: The subject of perforations is under notice: "The cross net-work of holes is never found precisely in the place where it should be: instead of occupying the white intervals between the stamps, it encroaches upon the stamps themselves, cutting away a part of their sides, or devouring a part of the words at top or bottom. The operation is, however, performed well enough for all practical purposes." Obstacles to even perforating are spoken of and the necessity of wholly removing the discs is emphasized.

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Enter the Collector—The author of "Something About Stamps" introduces philately, diluted to the last degree, it must be admitted, in the words: "It is true that hundreds of millions of postage stamps are annually destroyed, and meet with the fate of waste paper; but the whims of a certain class of people, who like to exercise their industry on trifles, have decreed that vast numbers of stamps shall be rescued from the ordinary fate that awaits them, and be appropriated to a useful, if it may be so called, or a quasi-ornamental purpose. As there are collectors of almost everything old under the sun—from old pots and pans, old metals, old stores, and old anything—so also are there collectors of old postage stamps. True, we are somewhat disturbed to learn that the collectors of stamps are confused in mind with those who collect on a very practical basis; as "Now it is to line a work-box or a trunk, or the interior of a closet or a cabinet; and sometimes their ambition takes a still higher flight than this, and their grand design is to paper a room with the defaced Queen's heads,"—but, remember, this was fifty-five years ago.

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Proving It—Through the article of Mr. D. J. Kaib, in the *American Philatelist*, not to mention adventitious aids, the authenticity of the American 1879 print has been confirmed, it seems to us. As we have been properly skeptical of the existence of the variety, it is only fair to say that we are in process of being convinced that it is a reality; and on this phase, we shall have something to say later. So long ago as 1895, a student of United States stamps wrote: "They may have also printed some stamps on brittle paper, and if any of our readers have stamps which show the whole or part of the American company's imprint which are on brittle paper, we should be very glad to see them. However, the first work done was from plates already made, so that it is possible that even if the American paper to some extent was used, the stamps bore the National or Continental imprints." The specimen on which Mr. Kaib rests his case is the one-cent, 1879, with imprint of the American company.

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Now a Law—The bill making postal money orders payable at any money order post office has been signed by President Wilson and a committee has been appointed by Postmaster General Burleson "to draft the necessary regulations." The new system will be installed in the course of several months, no doubt; and the enactment will facilitate mail transactions as the money order will be endowed with all "the properties of a bank draft."

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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Albert Lee and G. de Lachasse.

—The J. M. Stuart Co. submits sample of a Paris, Ky., 1c postage due precancel and advises us that the following were used during November and December, 1913:—1c and 2c regular dues, 5c, 10c and 25c parcel post dues; 15c parcel post and 1c, 2c, 3c and 5c regular postage.

—We are advised that the colors of the values to be added to the current U. S. set are as follows:—7c black; 9c pink; 12c maroon; 20c light blue and 30c vermilion. The 7c will have head of Washington and the rest of the values Franklin.

—A set of New Zealand stamps consisting of the ½d, 1d, 3d and 6d has been issued with the overprint "Auckland Exhibition 1913". The stamps were sold at the exhibition only and were available only for internal postage.

—The stamps of Northern Nigeria and Southern Nigeria will soon make their exit. A union of the two has been accomplished and new stamps are in preparation bearing the name "Nigeria."

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UNITED STATES.—The Rev. Joseph Dreyer writes:

"On page 44 of MEKEEL'S of January 31, 1914, mention is made of 'a 2c envelope, Die E, size 8, on white, with the new low cut knife, the first time this knife has been reported on this size and color.' I have had used copies of that envelope as early as March, 1913, and on paper of either watermark now concurrent; viz., USSE 1911 and US—SE 1911. At present I have in my collection one used copy of the above, watermark US-SE 1911, postmarked at Boston, Mass., Mch. 20—1913 and one used copy, watermark USSE (without the hyphen) postmarked 'Wall St. Sta. N. Y.' January 24, 1913."

CANADA.—Frank B. Eldredge shows us a new postmark, advertising the "Halifax Firemen's Tournament and Summer Carnival, Aug. 4-9, 1914."

EGYPT.—Frank B. Eldredge has shown us the new 5m stamp in a used pair.

FIJI ISLANDS.—Hermann Focke writes as follows: "In No. 1192 you reported on my authority the issue of the 2d grey and 5d violet and olive-green with head of King Edward, but a recent order filled for me by the Postmaster at Suva contained these two values in the old colors, violet and ochre and violet and green, so that I am in doubt as to whether the new colors have really been issued. Still, to prove my information, I enclose the Postmaster's letter to me of Sept. 18, which clearly states that the two stamps in the new colors are 'in issue.'—The 2½d value still comes with head of King Edward, and not King George, as has recently been reported."

NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke writes as follows:

"It will interest collectors that one of those good-hearted ex-Postmasters from Nicaragua has 'come to town,' with a batch of unsurcharged stamps of the two issues of 1911-12 (Liberty and Engine) and amongst them the much-talked-of 6c chocolate-brown value of the latter series, which was not put on sale at the Atlantic Coast, according to best and reliable information received by me. Still, the stamp is bona fide, as far as the printers, Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., are concerned, who produced and delivered it according to contract. Whether it is a postage stamp, good and proper, I leave to the decision of those who got some of the rake-off. The stamp is selling here at from 15 cents up, and is cheap at that, as the issue was very small, and the greater part was surcharged with the 'Cordoba' currency."

ST. HELENA.—It may interest collectors, that recent consignments of 6d stamps from this Colony have been again in the first issue with head of King George, with "POSTAGE & REVENUE," so there is no reason why anyone should believe that this stamp is the scarcest 20th Century British Colonial stamp, and a bargain at almost fifteen times its face value, says Hermann Focke. The stamp at the present moment is not worth over 15 or 20 cents, and is offered in New York at this price. The 4d "Postage & Revenue" is obsolete, but a fair supply has gone out all over the world. This stamp is offered in New York at 25c.

URUGUAY.—Hermann Focke submits specimens showing that the 5 milesimos value of the lithographed set, which was first printed in a dark violet, almost purple shade, comes now in a reddish-violet tint.

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THE CARELESSNESS OF WILLY GROW.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

"Whenever you see a four-eyed man, 'specially the kind that anchors 'em back o' the ears, do your thinkin' first," said Jimmy O'., oracularly, as he swung lazily in the hammock.

Jimmy's quizzically twisted smile meant another of his varied experiences. I did not break the ensuing silence.

"One a minute, I've had 'em—experiences," declared Jimmy, as he dug his boot-toe into the dust, and set the hammock swinging. Then he began to laugh until I feared hysteria.

"Reminds me o' the time I was punchin' cattle upon Wild Rye—Lazy S ranche. We had fer neighbor the meanest man the East ever turned loose, bar none. And crooked—well, he couldn't turn a corner square. But he got his, good an' plenty—$700 it cost him, too, at the point of a gun—er several of 'em."

Jimmy felt in his shirt for his cigarette papers and his package of tobacco. They were missing. Then he laughed some more.

"Gee! that Mex. I lent the makin's to give me the cigarette an' kept the outfit!" Jimmy chortled in his glee at the trick which he had played so many times himself upon fellow cowboys.

"You see," resumed Jimmy, "this fellow—Old Crabapple we called him—had a buckskin outlaw that he'd made a standing offer of $100 to any man who'd ride him. Now I can ride—a little."

Ride a little! Well, I thought, if Jimmy O'. can ride only a little, I never saw anyone who could ride at all, and I've seen some riding.

I tossed Jimmy a package of tobacco and papers. He rolled rapidly and deftly and soon grew volcanic.

"Not for Jimmy—that blamed outlaw near bit my laig off an' then sat on my stummick for near twenty minutes—maybe ten—deliberatin'."

I laughed. Jimmy looked aggrieved. Then he fair doubled up with mirth.

"One day, when we were all in the bunk-house, playin' solitaire or casino or old maid or somethin'—pay day being some remote—a man rode up on that same outlaw. Say, we fair fought to get into the clear to look him over. His saddle was cowboy, but some bob-tail; bridle some silver; bit, more silver; and spurs—say, they was $90 worth o' silver and work on 'em—an' rowels big as dollars an' wicked as a squaw full o' tizwiz. But he didn't wear the spurs. They was tied on his saddle. I couldn't figger out his make-up—not me.

"Then I looked the man over some more careless-like. Overalls, new; boots, medium; shirt, new; vest, old; gun in scabbard, old, wood-handle Colt's .45; belt, full o' cartridges; and the gun—tied-down.

"This wasn't any tender-foot—not with a tied-down gun. Right there I began to study him out. He wore steel-bow spectacles, glasses thick an' round as a dollar Mex., and he had the sweetest baby-like smile you ever see. Say, honest, I was fair scared o' that man's smile. He was too dern soft an' easy lookin' with the smile, an' too dern hard-as-nails an' quicker along o' that tied-down gun.

"Now they's a fool in every cow-camp. We had more'n our share—me an' Eddy Fyne. I was some slower 'n Eddy that time, 'count o' doin' the lookin'-over first.

"'Alight, stranger, an' anchor your cayuse,' says Eddy, genial-like.

"When I see that man swing off'n that horse, I hiked into the bunk-house an' thought hard. I couldn't just place him, but anyway I was mighty glad I'd done my thinkin' first.

"'I'd like to get on, here, if you please,' says the man, gentle-like, to Eddy.

"Me—I butted in quick: 'Sure! See the foreman.' Then I walked him over to the boss, an' he was took on.

"Nex' day I sure seen some ridin' o' that outlaw—plum gentle he was, too. An' that new cow-hand—say! when I see him drop a rope on that loco steer it all come back quick. Willy Grow! Late o' Buffalo Bill's Wild West, where he was some with the rope. Me—I was with that outfit one consecutive night when ole Unc' Billy Barr an' I mixed with the outfit fer fun, an' then beat it out o' town, not drawin' any pay. Too much like a circus fer me—them idiots applaudin' when Unc' Billy's saddle turned an' the bronchos near tromped him.

"As I was sayin', Willy was some puncher. He stayed with us till the end of the round-up. Then, when he drew his pay, we explained how ole' Crabapple had offered $100 to any man who'd ride that cayuse. Seven of us fixed it up. Funny thing about that outlaw. Willy'd go up to him an' fuzzle his ears an' tell 'im to be good an' he'd be good. Then anyone could ride 'im.

"Well, as I was sayin' when you interrupted me, one likely mornin' we saddles up an' goes over to ole' Crabapple's.

"'Mornin',' says he, some polite an' gentle, lookin' at our guns, for we'd tied 'em all down. Me—I had two, an' Eddy had swiped cook's knife. Would a swiped another, only cooky yelled like you was stealin' candy.

"'Mornin,' says Willy, sweet an' soft. Say, ole' Crab was mad inside, fer he knew we meant some devilment. But he sure was polite.

"We hear tell you've offered a premium fer any one who'll ride this here cayuse I paid you forty for,' says Willy, cheerful-like.

"'Not now,' says Crabapple. 'You've broke him.'

"'All right,' says Willy. 'Bet you $100 you can't stay with him ten minutes.'

"Ole Crab swells up some at that, an' goes to it. Willy fuzzles the outlaw's ears, first, me feelin' some mad at him, fer I sure wanted ole Crab to enjoy the run he'd get fer his money.

"Now ole Crab could ride, an' fer nine minutes it was easy.

Then he made a fatal error.

"'I get the $100, what?' says he.

"Willy just grinned. The minute outlaw heard that voice, he cut loose. With ten seconds to go he sure eats up ole Crab. I've seen 'em shook up some, but this scared me. The last pitch an' Crab hit the ground in a heap—five seconds too soon to win the century.

"Crab was madder'n all get out.

"'No man can stay with 'im,' he yells. "I'll bet you $100 a piece."

"You're on," says Willy, that quick.

"Me—I was first. Tell you what, I 'most prayed it'd be over soon. I sure wanted to lose that $100 right fast. Thought it was my last day this side o'—er—heaven."

Jimmy doubled up with mirth.

"Ole outlaw was plum' gentle my twelve minutes. They was seven of us. Twelve minutes a-piece strung it out some. Ole Crab yells fraud, but Willy looks hard an' reaches fer his gun.

"'No checks go,' says Willy, 'Cash. We get it in gold.'

"Now ole Crab had sold his steers the day before, an' Willy timed it right. So Crab pays over the $700, and never yells no more.

"An' what do you think Willy done with his? The bloomin' idiot goes over to the river and threw them five twenty-dollar gold pieces in, one at a time, just like a kid, watchin' 'em skip, me standin' by with my mouth open.

"'Oh, thunder!' says Willy, when the last one's gone. 'Who wants that kind o' money? Come on, let's go back an' look at your stamp c'lection'."

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Plates Finished With Imprint But Never Used.

No.	Finished.	No.	Finished.	No.	Finished.
6397	Feb. 8, 1913	6431	Mar. 1, 1913	6458	Mar. 7, 1913
6404	Feb. 10, 1913	6435	Feb. 27, 1913	6463	Mar. 13, 1913
6409	Feb. 17, 1913	6439	Mar. 5, 1913	6470	Mar. 20, 1913
6416	Feb. 26, 1913	6448	Mar. 5, 1913		

Plates Finished But Never Used.

6590, 6591, 6592, 6593, 6594 (June 24, 1913), 6595, 6596, 6597.

The 3 Cent Parcel Post.

This stamp was the last of the series to appear. It was finally approved on March 28, 1913, over four months after the first Parcel Post stamp had been printed. The first printing was made on March 28, 1913 and the last printing on May 24, 1913, the printing "life" being less than two months duration. The total number printed is 29,027,880, of which 22,036,586 had been delivered to Postmasters by December 15, 1913, there remaining in stock at the Bureau at that time but 6,991,294 of these stamps.

But four plates were prepared for this denomination, all of which were used. The marginal imprint of value was engraved on these plates before any printings had been made.

Some of these stamps are printed in a rose shade which differs slightly from the color common to the majority of the Parcel Post Stamps.

Plate numbers and data are presented herewith:

The Plates for the 3 Cent Stamp.

No.	Finished.	First Printing.	Imprint?	Added?
6254	Mar. 27, 1913	Mar. 28, '13 to Apr. 14, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint
6255	Mar. 27, 1913	Mar. 28, '13 to Apr. 14, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint
6256	Mar. 27, 1913	Mar. 28, '13 to Apr. 14, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint
6257	Mar. 27, 1913	Mar. 28, '13 to Apr. 14, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint

The 4 Cent Parcel Post Stamp.

The design for the 4 cent stamp showing a "Rural Carrier" was approved on November 14, 1912, the first plates having been finished on that date. The plates were not put to press until nearly three weeks later. The first printing was made on December 2, 1912, and the last printing was made on May 6, 1913. During this time a total of 76,744,260 stamps were printed of which 71,584,961 had been delivered to Postmasters by December 15, 1913, at which time there remained in stock at the Bureau 5,159,299 of these stamps.

A total of sixteen plates were prepared for this denomination, three of which were never used. Of the thirteen plates used, four were printed before the imprint of value was added to the plate. Five of the plates which were used were originally made with the imprint of value on the margin and four were put to press without this imprint.

The pate numbers and related information are annexed hereto:

Plates for the 4 Cent Stamp.

No.	Finished.	First Printing.	Imprint?	Added?	Printed before added?
6169	Nov. 14, 1912	Dec. 2, '12 to Dec. 11, '12	No	.....	...
6170	Nov. 14, 1912	Dec. 2, '12 to Dec. 11, '12	No	.....	...
6171	Nov. 14, 1912	Dec. 2, '12 to Dec. 11, '12	No	.....	...
6172	Nov. 14, 1912	Dec. 2, '12 to Dec. 11, '12	No	.....	...
6345	June 21, 1913	June 22, '13 to Feb. 4, '13	Yes	Feb. 4, '13	Yes
6346	June 21, 1913	June 22, '13 to Feb. 4, '13	Yes	Feb. 4, '13	Yes
6347	June 21, 1913	June 22, '13 to Feb. 4, '13	Yes	Feb. 4, '13	Yes
6350	June 21, 1913	June 22, '13 to Feb. 4, '13	Yes	Feb. 4, '13	Yes
6359	Jan. 27, 1913	June 28, '13 to Feb. 4, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6360	Jan. 27, 1913	June 28, '13 to Feb. 4, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6361	Jan. 27, 1913	June 28, '13 to Feb. 4, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6365	Jan. 27, 1913	June 28, '13 to Feb. 4, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6381	Feb. 6, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6392	Feb. 10, 1913	Apr. 7, '13 to Apr. 15, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6400	Feb. 19, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6426	Feb. 25, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	

The 5 Cent Parcel Post.

The 5 cent stamp shows a "Mail Train" approaching a suspended but unsuspecting mail bag at a speed sufficient to discourage the practice of inclosing coin in ordinary envelopes. This design was approved on November 14, 1912. The first plates were finished on November 18, 1912, and the first printing was made on that date. The last printing was made on May 5, 1913. Between these dates a total of 108,154,440 of these stamps were printed. By December 15, 1913, 101,006,141 had been delivered to Postmasters, there remaining in stock at the Bureau a total of 7,148,299 stamps.

For this denomination, twenty-four plates were prepared nineteen of which were used, five never having been used. Four of the plates were printed before the imprint of value had been added to the margin and eight were originally made with the imprint. One of these eight was never put to press.

On this denomination occurs one of the two double transfers which have been discovered on this series, the other being in the 1 cent stamp. I am unable to name the plate on which this double transfer, which is illustrated herewith, may be found.

The plate numbers and tabulated data relating to them follows:

Plates for the 5 Cent Stamp.

No.	Finished.	First Printing.	Imprint?	Added?	Printed before added?
6211	Nov. 18, 1912	Nov. 18, '12 to Dec. 4, '12	No	.....	...
6212	Nov. 18, 1912	Nov. 18, '12 to Dec. 4, '12	No	.....	...
6213	Nov. 20, 1912	Nov. 20, '12 to Dec. 4, '12	No	.....	...
6214	Nov. 18, 1912	Nov. 18, '12 to Dec. 4, '12	No	.....	...
6215	Nov. 20, 1912	Nov. 20, '12 to Dec. 4, '12	No	.....	...
6216	Nov. 29, 1912	Dec. 19, '12 to Dec. 21, '12	No	.....	...
6217	Nov. 18, 1912	Nov. 18, '12 to Dec. 4, '12	Yes	June 27, '13	Yes
6218	Nov. 20, 1912	Nov. 20, '12 to Dec. 4, '12	No	.....	...
6219	Nov. 20, 1912	Nov. 20, '12 to Dec. 4, '12	No	.....	...
6220	Nov. 21, 1912	Nov. 21, '12 to Nov. 26, '12	Yes	Jan. 27, '13	Yes
6221	Nov. 21, 1912	Nov. 21, '12 to Nov. 26, '12	Yes	Jan. 27, '13	Yes
6222	Nov. 21, 1912	Nov. 21, '12 to Nov. 26, '12	Yes	Jan. 27, '13	Yes
6405	Feb. 10, 1913	Apr. 15, '13 to Apr. 30, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6407	Feb. 15, 1913	Apr. 15, '13 to Apr. 30, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6411	Feb. 19, 1913	Apr. 15, '13 to Apr. 30, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6417	Feb. 15, 1913	Apr. 28, '13 to May 7, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6420	Feb. 26, 1913	Apr. 28, '13 to May 7, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6433	Mar. 3, 1913	Apr. 28, '13 to May 7, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6441	Mar. 5, 1913	Apr. 28, '13 to May 7, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	

The following plates were never printed from: 6449 (Mar. 7, 1913), 6602, 6603, 6604, 6605.

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Abyssinia, *134 .04, *135 .06.
Aitutaki, *7 .02, *8 .04.
Argentine, 154 .04, 155 .04, 158 .15, *160 .02, *161 .02, *162 .03, *162 .04, *164 .05, *165 .06, *166 .10, *167 .13, 168 .08, 171 .20, *176 .10, 187 .03, 188 .05, 201 .13.
Austria, *85 .10, *86 .01, *87 .01, *88 .02, *89 .02, *90 .02, *91 .03, *92 .06, *93 .08, *94 .09, *95 .10, *96 .12, *97 .14, *98 .16, *99 .22, *103 .01, *105 .03, *106 .06, 106 .02, *107 .06, *108 .07, *109 .08, 116 .01, 124 .02, Levant, *1039 .02, *1040 .06, *1041 .08, *1042 .15, *1043 .02, *1045 .06, *1046 .02, *1047 .03, *1048 .05, *1049 .07, *1050 .09, *1051 .14, *1052 .32, *1053 .60, *1054 1.20, *1100 .02, *1101 .03, *1102 .07, *1103 .15, *1104 .32, Crete, *1151 .02, *1152 .03, *1154 .10, *1155 .28, *1156 .50, *1157 1.00, *1158 .02, *1159 .03, *1160 .07, *1161 .15, *1162 .02, *1163 .03, *1164 .05, *1165 .02, *1166 .03, *1167 .05, *1168 .08, *1169 .14, *1170 .28.
Azores, 102 .02, 103 .03, 105 .02, 106 .04, *117 .08, 117 .04, *118 .15, 118 .06, *120 .25, *121 .30, *122 .60, *124 1.25, *126 .02, *127 .02, *128 .03, *129 .04, *130 .05, *131 .06, 131 .02, *132 .08, 132 .03, *133 .12, *134 .15, *135 .18, *136 .25, *137 .45, *138 .75, *139 1.50.
Bahamas, *48 .25.
Barbados, 94 .04, 102 .04.
Bavaria, 92 .03, 93 .05.
Bermuda, *25 .02, 34 .08, *35 .02, *37 .05, 38 .03, *43 .07, *46 .18, *47 .35.
Bolivia, 92 .02, 93 .04, 94 .06.
Brazil, 181 .05, 182 .06, 183 .10, 184 .10, 186 .05, 187 .04, 188 .05, *174 .01, *175 .02, 189 .08, 191 .12, 513 .15.
British Honduras, 56 .06, *62 .03, 73 .04, *74 .40, *77 .08, *57 .20.
British Solomon Is., *8 .03, *19 .02, *20 .03, *24 .10.
Bulgaria, *53 .04, *58 .02, *59 .02, *60 .03.
Canada, *89 .02, *90 .03, *96 .03, *98 .04, *104 .02, *105 .03.
Canal Zone, *32 .02, 33 .02, 34 .03, 34a .04.
Cayman, *31 .02, *32 .02, *33 .02.
Cape Verde, 78 .04, 91 .03.
Ceylon, *178 .02, *200 .02, *199 .03.
Chili, *47 .02, *48 .03, *51 .02, *58 .03, 60 .02, 61 .03, *64 .05, 67 .03, *68 .01, 75 .02, *84 .03, *86 .05.
Col. Republic, *264 .04, *265 .03, *269 .03, *270 .04, *272 .10, *271 .04, *303 .04, *304 .08, *305 .20, *308 .40, Antioquia, *136 .03, *137 .04, *138 .04, *139 .05, *140 .06, *141 .08, *143a .20, *401 .10, Bolivar, *74 .06, *78 .20, *85 .40, *86 .30, Tolima, *85 .06, *86 .12, *87 .20.
Costa Rica, *45 .01, *46 .02, 48 .02, 53 .65, 54 1.25, 57 .10, 76 .20, 78 .02, 80 .02, 88 .02, 100 .06, *151 .10, *236 .01, *237 .02, *238 .04, 250 .03, 251 .02, 252 .04, 254 .15.
Crete, *22 .20, *27 .08, *42 .04, *50 .05, *170 .02, 179 .06, 201 .03.
Cuba, *232 .06, *233 .02, 238 .06, 241 .02, 243 .05, *353 .15, 354 .06.
Cyprus, *59 .02, *61 .02.
Danish W. Ind., *24 .08, *25 .18, *28 .20, 21a on cover .12.
Denmark, *55 .04, *56 .08, *214 .02, *215 .03.
Dominican Rep., *120 .02, *121 .03, *122 .04, *275 .04, *276 .05, *279 .03.
Dutch Ind., *38 .01, *39 .02, *40 .02, *41 .02, *43 .04, *44 .02, *45 .03, *223 .20, *224 .15, *225 .30.
Ecuador, 172 .12, 173 .18, Set *174 to 180 1.10.
Egypt (Soudan), *617 .04, *618 .03, *619 .06, 622 .02, 623 .07, 625 .20, *627 .18, *628 .08, *629 .05, 630 .40, *705 .03, *706 .04, *707 .07, *708 .15, 801 .40, *804 .06, *806 .06, 807 .02, 808 .04, 809 .06, 810 .15, 814 .04, 815 .05, 813 .08, 818 .05, 819 .35.
Fernando Poo, *95 .06, *96 .12.
France, *135 .03, *138 .08, *625 .02, *824 .12, *845 .20, 816 .06, 817 .02, *900 .02, *901 .02, *902 .02, *903 .03, *904 .05, *905 .08, *906 .05, *908 .10, *947d .02, *947e .03, *951 .02, *952 .02, *953 .02, *954 .04, *955 .07, *963 1.00, *1130 .75, *1135 .02, *1136 .02, *1137 .03, *1156 .06, *1164 2.00, *1165 .15, *1179 1.00, *1186 .02, *1187 .02, *1188 .03, *1224 .18, *1230 .20, *1241 .15, *1242 .15, *1251 .02, *1252 .02, *1253 .03, *1316 1.75.
Germany, *71 .11, *72 .15, *73 .18, *74 .30, *75 .35, *76 .65, *82 .02, *83 .03, *84 .08, *85 .10, *86 .11, *87 .15, *88 .18, *90 .30, *91 .35, *733 .03.
Gold Coast, *38 .03, 53 .10, 54 .18, 60 .04.
Great Britain, *128 .04, *130 .06, *146 .06, *147 .08, *148 .08, *149 .10, *150 .15, *8d K. G. .24, *1113 .08, 1p on 2½d K. G. .08, *1162 .06, *1169 .12, *1222 .03.
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Guatemala, *109 .02, *110 .02, *112 .15, *113 .20, 124 .03, *142 .30.
Hayti, *67 .06, *68 .02, *69 .06, *70 .02, *71 .05, *72 .06, *73 .08, *74 .06, *75 .10, *76 .10, 77 .10, *80 .40, *81 .80, *Set 96 to 101 .12, *137 .02, *138 .02, *139 .03.
Honduras, 122 .02, 123 .02, *137 .25, *138 .50.
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Iceland, 34 .02, 36 .02, 37 .03, 38 .02, 72 .02, 75 .02, 76 .02.
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Mexico, *304 .01, *305 .02, *308 .08, *310 .02, *311 .02, *312 .03, *313 .04, *314 .06, *315 .08, *316 .12, *317 .15.
Montenegro, *Set 62 to 73 $1.00, set 86 to 97 $1.85.
Natal, *82 .04, 84 .02.
New S. Wales, *112 .08, *114 .18.
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Nicaragua, *160 .04, *162 .10, *163 .12, *Set 167 to 174 1.80, *176 .10, *176c .25, *178 .05, *307 .15, *308 .30, *309 .75, *393 .02, *394 .02, *395 .02, *396 .03, *405 .02, *406 .04, *407 .04, *408 .05, *409 .06, *410 .10, *411 .25, *412 .30, *413 .60, *549 .02, *550 .02, *551 .02, *552 .03, *819 .15, *820 .25, *828 .12, *829 .20, *830 .25, *831 .50, *832 .10, *836 .18, *838 .25, *839 .35, *840 .40, *841 .60, *842 .10, *843 .02, *844 .04, *845 .05, *846 .06, *847 .08, *848 .14, *849 .18, *850 .20, *851 .25, *863 .05, *864 .04, *865 .06, *866 .10, *867 .12, *868 .20, *881 .06, *882 .08, *884 .25, *885 .40, 156 .06, 158 .12, 194 .03, *217 .02, *558 .25.
North Borneo, Set (136 to 145, 147, 148) .65, 151 .10, 152 .18, 153 .35, 154 .70, 155 2.25, 156 3.50, 320 .10, 321 .10, 323 .10, 324 .10, 325 .10, 326 .10.
Northern Nigeria, *22 .15, *39 .02, *43 .10, *44 .12, *45 .15.
Orange River, *60 .40, *62 .04, 65 .05, 67 .08.
Panama, 73 .12, 78 .12, *74 .20, *181 .02, *182 .03, *183 .12, *586 .03.
Paraguay, *63 .03, *66 .06, *67 .10, *68 .12, *69 .06, *79 .02, *80 .05, *81 .06, *82 .07, *83 .12, 85 .02, 86 .02, 92 .02, *102 .02, *109 .03, *127 .03, 128 .03, *148 .05, 130 .02, 146 .02, *147 .03, *152 .50, 157 .03, *174 .02, *175 .02, *197 .01, *198 .02, *199 .02, *200 .03.
Persia, *378 .60, *379 .60, *380 1.00, *381 1.25, *382 1.50, *403 1.00, *404 1.10, Set 422 to 427 .12, Set 428 to 439, 441 to 444 .40, Set 613 to 626 1.50, *Set 688 to 693 .12.
Portugal *156 .02, *157 .03, *158 .04, *159 .06, *160 .08, *161 .08, *162 .12, *163 .15, *164 .08, *165 .20, *166 .40, *167 .60, *168 .90, *169 1.50, *170 .01, *171 .02, *172 .03, *174 .04, *173 .03, *175 .04, *176 .08, *177 .12, *178 .15, *179 .18, *180 .30, *181 .40, *182 .70, *183 1.25, *185 .02, *194 .04, *195 .05, 170 .01, 171 .02, 172 .02, 174 .02, 175 .01, 176 .02, 178 .07, 179 .08, 180 .18, 156 .02, 157 .02, 158 .02, 161 .04, 162 .05.
Rhodesia, 83 .02, 84 .02, 85 .05, 86 .06, 101 .01, 102 .02, 103 .06, 105 .08, 107 .12.
Russia, *171 .02, *172 .02, *200 .04, *201 .02.
Salvador, 312 .06, 336a .05, *336 .01, *337 .01, *338 .02, *339 .02, 339a .03, *355 .01, *356 .02, *357 .02, *358 .03, *359 .03, *360 .03, *363 .04, *364 .05, *366 .08, *367 .12, *374 .20, 374 .15, 375 .15, *Set 378 to 390, .45, *Set 574 to 580 .25, *Set 781 to 792 .50, *Set 795 to 800 .32.
Seychelles, *29 .20, *64 .02, *65 .03, *68 .12.
Siam, 109 .02, 110 .03, 112 .03, 113 .02, 115 .03, 116 .03, 124 .10.
Southern Nigeria, *2 .10, 49 .06, *50 .12.
Straits, *109 .02, 111 .02, 116 .10, *154 .08, 138 .03, Johore, *74 .02, *75 .02, *78 .05, *79 .08, *81 .18.
Switzerland, *129 .04, *133a pair .40, *144a pair .18, *147a pair .08, *149a pair .10, *150 .01, *152 .02.
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Uruguay, 386 .15, 402 .12, 403 .15, 415 .10, 416 .12, 417 .15, 418 .18, 419 .25.
Venezuela, *179 .01, *180 .03, *182 .02, *185 .02, 230 .01, 230b .10, *185 .01, *186 .05, *187 .06, *189 .12, *190 .12, *192 .12, *193 .04, *194 .04, *217 .15, *219 .08, *221 .10, *223 .15, *224 .10, *226 .20, *227 .20, *229 .12, 321 .06, 322 .10, 323 .02, 324 .04, 325 .04.
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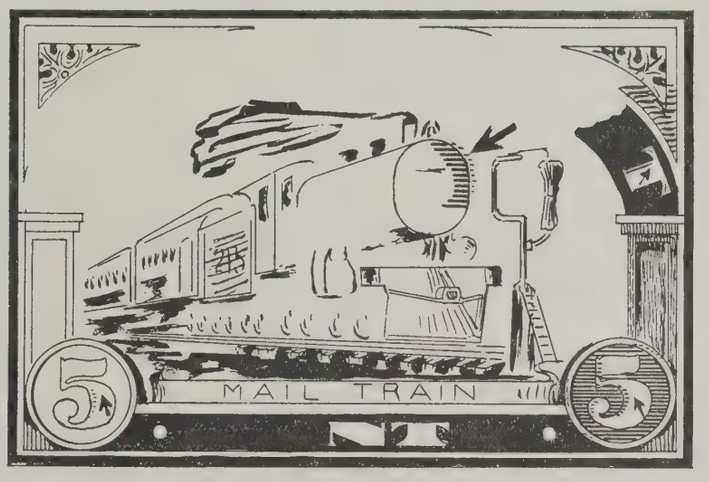
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THE 10 CENT PARCEL POST STAMP.

The design for the 10 cent stamp, "Steamship and Mail Tender" was approved on November 8, 1912 and the first plates were finished four days later on November 12, 1912. The first printing was made on that day and the last printing on June 24, 1913. The total number of these stamps which were printed is 56,897,100. By December 15, 1913, the number which had been delivered to postmasters amounted to 56,125,571, leaving a stock of 771,529 remaining in the Bureau.

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6161	Nov. 12, 1912	Nov. 12, '12 to Nov. 18, '12	Yes	Feb. 5, '13	Yes
6162	Nov. 12, 1912	Nov. 12, '12 to Nov. 18, '12	Yes	Feb. 5, '13	Yes
6163	Nov. 12, 1912	Nov. 12, '12 to Nov. 18, '12	Yes	Feb. 5, '13	Yes
6164	Nov. 12, 1912	Nov. 12, '12 to Nov. 18, '12	Yes	Feb. 5, '13	Yes
6165	Nov. 21, 1912	Dec. 19, '12 to Dec. 23, '12	Yes	June 28, '13	Yes
6166	.....	.....	...	.....	...
6167	Nov. 22, 1912	Dec. 19, '12 to Dec. 23, '12	Yes	Jan. 28, '13	Yes
6168	Nov. 22, 1912	Jan. 2, '13 to Jan. 21, '13	Yes	Jan. 28, '13	Yes
6266	Dec. 5, 1912	Jan. 2, '13 to Jan. 21, '13	Yes	Jan. 28, '13	Yes

THE 15 CENT PARCEL POST.

The design of the 15 cent stamp illustrates the "Automobile Service"—a feature of the Parcels Post Service which has rapidly developed since the system was inaugurated a year ago.

This design was approved on November 26, 1913 and the first plates completed on December 2, 1912. The first printing was made eight days later on December 10, 1912. The last printing was made on May 16, 1913. Between these dates 21,147,480 of these stamps were printed. Deliveries to Postmasters amounted to 19,343,741 stamps by December 15, 1913, there remaining in stock at the Bureau at that time, 1,803,739.

Eight plates were prepared for this value, four of which were never put to press. The imprint of value was added January 30, 1913, to the four plates which were printed. The four plates which were not used were originally made with the imprint of value.

The plate numbers and data relative to each plate is given herewith:

PLATES FOR THE 15 CENT STAMP.

No.	Finished.	First Printing.	Imprint?	Added?	Printed before added?
6258	Dec. 2, 1912	Dec. 10, '12 to Dec. 14, '12	Yes	Jan. 30, '13	Yes
6259	Dec. 2, 1912	Dec. 10, '12 to Dec. 14, '12	Yes	Jan. 30, '13	Yes
6260	Dec. 2, 1912	Dec. 10, '12 to Dec. 14, '12	Yes	Jan. 30, '13	Yes
6261	Dec. 2, 1912	Dec. 10, '12 to Dec. 14, '12	Yes	Jan. 30, '13	Yes
6351	Jan. 24, 1913	.....	Yes	Jan. 30, '13	...
6356	Feb. 19, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6410	Feb. 17, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6434	Mar. 5, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	

THE 20 CENT PARCEL POST STAMP.

The design of the 20 cent stamp showing an "Aeroplane Carrying Mail" illustrates a comparatively new experimental feature of the mail service in this country.

The design was approved on November 26, 1912, and the first plate was finished on December 5, 1912 and the last printing on June 5, 1913. During the time 17,142,840 stamps were printed of which 16,732,976 had been delivered to Postmasters by December 15, 1913, there remaining at the Bureau at that time but 409,864 of these stamps.

Eight plates were prepared for this denomination, four of which were never used. To the four plates which were printed, the imprint of value was added on February 1, 1913. The four plates which were not used were originally made with the imprint. The four plates to which the imprint was subsequently added had been put to press before it was added to them.

The plate numbers and data relative to each plate is as follows:

PLATES FOR THE 20 CENT STAMP.

No.	Finished.	First Printing.	Imprint?	Added?	Printed before added?
6191	Dec. 5, 1912	Dec. 10, '12 to Dec. 16, '12	Yes	Feb. 1, '13	Yes
6192	Dec. 7, 1912	Dec. 10, '12 to Dec. 16, '12	Yes	Feb. 1, '13	Yes
6193	Dec. 7, 1912	Dec. 10, '12 to Dec. 16, '12	Yes	Feb. 1, '13	Yes
6194	Dec. 6, 1912	Dec. 10, '12 to Dec. 16, '12	Yes	Feb. 1, '13	Yes
6385	Feb. 8, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6386	Feb. 10, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6389	Feb. 12, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6401	Feb. 12, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	

THE 25 CENT PARCEL POST STAMP.

The design for the 25 cent stamp, "Manufacturing" is one of the irrevelant designs of the four high values which bear little relation to the Parcel Post. The subject is a steel plant near Chicago. The design was approved on November 13, 1912, and the first four plates were finished on that date. The first printing was made on the following day, November 14, 1912 and the last printing on November 23, 1912, during which time a total of 21,941,100 of these stamps were printed. By December 15, 1913, the deliveries to postmasters amounted to 19,199,831 stamps, there remaining in stock at the Bureau at the time a total of 2,741,269 of these stamps.

For this denomination, twelve plates were prepared, six of which were never used.

The imprint of value was added on Jan. 31, 1913, to the six plates which were used. These plates had been put to press before the imprint was added.

The plate numbers and records of each plate is as follows:

PLATES FOR THE 25 CENT STAMP.

No.	Finished.	First Printing.	Imprint?	Added?	Printed before added?
6173	Nov. 13, 1912	Nov. 14, '12 to Nov. 23, '12	Yes	Jan. 31, '13	Yes
6174	Nov. 13, 1912	Nov. 14, '12 to Nov. 23, '12	Yes	Jan. 31, '13	Yes
6175	Nov. 13, 1912	Nov. 14, '12 to Nov. 23, '12	Yes	Jan. 31, '13	Yes
6176	Nov. 13, 1912	Nov. 14, '12 to Nov. 23, '12	Yes	Jan. 31, '13	Yes
6186	Nov. 22, 1912	Dec. 18, '12 to Dec. 20, '12	Yes	Jan. 31, '13	Yes
6187	Nov. 22, 1912	.....	Yes	Jan. 31, '13	Yes
6188	Nov. 22, 1912	.....	Yes	Jan. 31, '13	Yes
6189	Nov. 22, 1912	Dec. 18, '12 to Dec. 20, '12	Yes	Jan. 31, '13	Yes
6357	Feb. 14, 1912	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6408	Feb. 17, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6421	Feb. 24, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6425	Feb. 25, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	

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A SHOWER OF STAMPS.

By ARTHUR IRWIN SMITH.

Raymond lay drowsing on the sloping green lawn of his sister's home in Oakland, idly watching the vari-colored balloons and unnameable enormities which now and then drifted high in the breeze across the bay from Chinatown. Twenty-five thousand Celestials were insane for a day, wildly celebrating the advent of this new year amid the deafening noise of imported fireworks. The big yellow dragon would soon walk and bring both awe and joy to the excited heathen throng. Mad with religious ardor and loyalty to the fatherland, each incident of the celebration would be more and more fantastic until the grand climax came that night in a blaze of Chinese fireworks and American electrical devices.

Raymond mused and grumbled at his mother's lack of confidence in his ability to take care of himself. That morning he had confided to her his intentions of witnessing the celebrations. Mrs. Whitcomb threw up her hands in horror.

"You shall not!" she cried. "Those heathens would do anything today. If they didn't kill you they'd kidnap you and sell you into slavery."

"But, mother, I am getting old enough to keep out of danger," protested Raymond. He was sixteen and had unlimited confidence in himself—conceit, his father had suggested that it be called.

Mrs. Whitcomb was obdurate however, and his protestations only got him into more trouble. "I'm going to Oakland to see Marie and the baby today, and you've got to come right along at my elbow," she declared. So ten o'clock found him half-asleep on the clean suburban lawn, wishing with all his heart that he was in the midst of Chinatown and its seething throng of fanatical and perhaps dangerous heathens.

Raymond had always been more or less interested in the swarthy orientals on account of the collection of Chinese stamps he was making. His passion for collecting having been aroused by the gift of a common green "dragon" stamp from a friendly laundryman, he had since formed a good general collection and one of the best specialized collections of Chinese known to exist. He had used but little money in forming it, but it represented months of time spent among the Americanized Chinese, making friends with them and then putting through deals and trades that seemed insignificant enough but which were in reality of great importance to Raymond. A few coppers would usually secure the privilege of taking any canceled stamps he wanted, after he had first won the Chinaman's confidence. If he did not wait until he received their friendship they would have nothing to do with the "bad Melican boy." Many a shrewd shop-man and importer in the business part of town for a few pennies enriched Raymond's collection with rarities that in the open market would have sold for a small fortune.

As Raymond's eyes lazily followed a dragon-kite that seemed to be drifting swiftly with the wind, he began thinking of his stamp collection and of some of the few rarities he needed to make it complete. Perhaps this very day he could have found them if his mother had not been so fearful of his safety. Big bombs burst every few minutes across the bay, and each detonation renewed his pangs of disappointment. There was one stamp for which he especially longed, and he knew a druggman who had a copy of it. He had seen it once, but had met a morose refusal to his offer to trade for it. Perhaps the spirit of the new year would have made Hop Lee more open-hearted; who knows?

Raymond closed his eyes and turned on his side for a moment. Presently he looked out again, across the smooth grassy lawn—and there not three feet away lay a superb copy of the very stamp of which he had been thinking.

With a half-frightful exclamation he sprang to his feet. It seemed almost supernatural! Was he dreaming? Evidently not, for he had wrenched his ankle painfully in his wild scramble for the stamp.

"Well," he thought, "I've heard it said that everything comes to him who waits but that's the first time I ever saw anything come to a waiting stamp collector."

He looked around casually and stooped to examine his injured ankle. There at his feet lay another superb stamp, almost as rare as the first, one for which he had long hunted. He glanced to one side—and there lay a duplicate. He turned around, and here and and there over the lawn he saw little brightcolored bits of paper—all stamps, and most of them apparently in good condition.

"If this is a dream," he said to himself, "it is a fine one, and I shall proceed to make the most of it." So he hobbled around and picked up all he could find, carefully stowing them away in his small pocket stock-book.

"What are you doing, Raymond?" asked Mr. Elvyn, his brother-in-law, who happened along just at that moment.

"It's raining stamps," excitedly responded Raymond, "and rare ones at that!" He showed his pocketful of treasures.

"Those Chinks are raising a lot of fuss over there," remarked the older man, nodding his head toward Chinatown, "but search me if I can tell how they managed to get those stamps high enough into the air to reach Oakland."

"Maybe they put them in one of their high-power bombs," said Raymond, "or sent them up as confetti in one of their kites. It's a good-looking sort of confetti to me."

His mother's eyes opened in surprise when she heard the tale. She had felt that she was rather strict in not allowing him to go to Chinatown at least for a little while during the morning, and it was pleasant to know of his good fortune as the result of her actions.

"I suppose you'll quit grieving and grumbling about not seeing the Big Dragon today, Raymond, after all this luck," she laughed.

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—Our attention is called to the fact that the boy collectors of Brooklyn and the east side of N. Y. City are perniciously active in the matter of securing approval selections and making no returns on the same. We have sounded this warning several times in the past and if dealers get bitten it will be their own fault.

—Herbert F. Butler reports that letters sent to two references offered by Earl Kurtz of Amo, Ind., were returned marked "Unclaimed."

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—"I have addressed a letter to our representative at Washington and asked him to use his influence in securing a more rigid investigation into the disappearance of mail matter from the ordinary mails. I suggested that a sworn statement shall be required of both the addressee and the sender. I think this would stop about 90% of the present time worn out excuses of "not having received the stamps sent" or of "having made returns for same." If other dealers would write to their representatives it might help to secure a more systematic way of tracing letters than the present system, which accomplishes nothing."—J. EMORY RENOLL.

—In connection with the centennial celebration to be observed by Norway this year we have been shown by Dewey Somdal a rather interesting and unique jubilee cancellation which is now being used. It consists of an inscription in four lines, two being in Norwegian and the two remaining in German and French. It is evidently the intention of the postal authorities to properly advertise the coming event.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from:—John Balaz (3), E. W. Murray (2), and Miss F. L. Wells.

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EDITORIAL.

No Doubt Remains—Last week, we referred briefly to the discovery of the American Bank Note Company's product, 1879 issue, on hard paper and to the fact that Mr. Kaib had recorded the one cent stamp on hard paper in the *American Philatelist*. Mr. L. C. Hassler, Louisville, Kentucky, ex-treasurer of the American Philatelic Society, has sent us a copy of the three cent green, with imprimatur of the American Bank Note Company, on unmistakable hard paper, accompanied by the following data: "I am enclosing three stamps as follows: First, with National imprint; second, with Continental imprint and third, with American imprint. The first stamp is unquestionably a National print, grilled. The paper is of good quality and is slightly porous. I am sending this only for comparison with the third stamp. Mr. Luff, in his article on United States, (A. J. of P.) states: 'A few months before the consolidation with the American Bank Note Company the Continental Bank Note Company began to use a thick, soft, porous paper, very similar to, if not the same as that used after the consolidation.' The second stamp with Continental imprint, is printed on thick, soft, porous paper. To quote Mr. Luff again: 'During the second contract with this' (Continental) 'company, 1877 to 1881, a paper was introduced which somewhat resembles that used by the American Bank Note Company in that it is porous but it is thinner and not quite as soft.' The third stamp with imprint of American company evidently is printed on this paper, although it appears to be similar to that which was used by the National Bank Note Company, i. e., thin, quite brittle and slightly porous. Mr. Luff also writes that the 'new company' (American) 'made use of the plates of its predecessor, as well as the plates of the National company.' I am of the opinion that the stamp with American imprint was printed from a National plate because no trace of the secret mark is seen

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The general philatelic public is of the opinion that the National as well as the Continental used only hard paper and the American used only thick, soft, porous paper. The imprints on two of the stamps submitted conclusively disprove this contention."

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Argument—The letter of Mr. Hassler with its exhibits is very interesting. We need not review at any length here the Continental on soft paper, of which the more advanced collectors have mental note but which has been the cause of some confusion,—for example, in consequence of dealers having sold soft papers for Continental because of the presence of the Continental imprint on the sheet; nor shall we consider the National soft papers that Mr. Luff tells of, but devote our attention to Mr. Hassler's three-cent hard paper, American print. Not alone does this copy show "merican Bank N" in the wide margin at bottom but it is on hard paper of the so-called "ribbed" vertically variety that once had place in the catalogue under the Continental issues. The ribbed paper, calling it such merely to distinguish it, is assigned to about the year 1875, when the Continental company at the suggestion of the postal department was devoting consideration to improving the appearance of its stamps. It has been admitted, however, that it is possible that the ribbed paper may have been employed experimentally even before 1873 or under the National management. The color of the three-cent green on ribbed paper ordinarily is a deep, rich green but Mr. Hassler's specimen is in the normal color. However, the vital factor is that Mr. Hassler has the three-cent green on hard, thin paper with the imprint of the American Bank Note Company which in itself is proof that the stamp was printed by this company. In this instance the value of the marginal imprint is all-important.

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Stamping Without Stamps—In our issue of Feb. 7th, we spoke of "automatic machines whose markings will take the place of adhesive stamps" that were given a trial in Chicago under the supervision of the postal authorities. Through the kindness of Mr. Truman W. Brophy, Jr., of Chicago, we can give an account of the machine, known as The Pitney Postage Meter & Sealing Machine, "rebuilt according to changes suggested by the Post Office Department, Washington, D. C." We quote from the company's advertising pamphlet, "The Pitney Postage Meter vs. The Adhesive Stamp": "The Pitney Postal Machine may be best described as a Postage Meter constructed so as to seal, stamp, count and face approximately 250 pieces of mail per minute, and is intended to be leased to the large mailers of first, third and fourth class matter, under certain regulations prescribed by the Post Office Department. The object of the machine is to expedite the handling of the outgoing mail; eliminate the possibility of theft or fire loss; reduce expense to the Department, and to save time and labor in handling the mail at the Post Office by imprinting the indicia on each envelope or label in lieu of affixing an adhesive stamp. The stamp consists of an imprint indicating the amount of postage; a descending serial number, indicating the number of impressions to which the user is still entitled on his original purchase; point of origin and license number which must correspond with the corner card on the envelope. When the number of impressions for which the user has paid has been reached, the meter automatically locks, thus rendering further use of the machine impossible. The meter must then either be replaced by another, in case the user has more than one on hand, or sent to the Post Office, to be opened and reset for such additional postage as may be required. It is contemplated that each machine will be equipped with at least two interchangeable meters, or printing heads, for 1c and 2c stamps, in addition to any other denominations that may be required for catalogue envelopes, labels, wrappers, string-tags, etc."

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Stop It—If there is to be a more cordial feeling on the part of the post office department towards stamp collectors it is necessary that stamp collectors refrain from continuing a practice that is detrimental to their best interests. Recently, we received a notice from a dealer to the effect that the department had "prohibited all firms who used precanceled and other stamps to sell their used precanceled and other stamps." We had our suspicions that there must have been some provocation for the stand of the department; and we find that our guess at the time the question was broached in our issue of January 10th, 1914, has been verified. In this connection, it may be added that orders of departmental kind originate from the assistant postmaster-generals as well as from the postmaster-general himself, who, however is the responsible head of the department. It is all right to object to the words and deeds of the department in the crisp words of business, if you will, but intemperate, unreasonable and impertinent letters to the department or in print will not serve any purpose but to alienate the sympathy of the department. The *Philadelphia Stamp News* recently spoke of "the reluctance to give information which the Department exhibited," which is caused by a shower of letters descending on Washington when any stamp news is published. When these letters are harsh and ignorant in tone, the impression that they give is not a favorable one. Let us regard the post office department graciously and as an affable source of supply for information that may be given with propriety.

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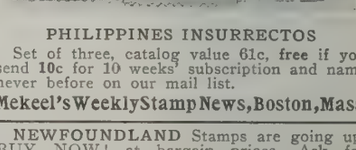
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KEEPING OF STAMP ACCOUNTS.

By T. RUSSELL HUNGERFORD.

Mr. Applegate's article in the WEEKLY of January 24, 1914, on the keeping of stamp accounts, has encouraged me to write of a system I have employed during the past 27 years, which, while not so elaborate as his, may furnish some ideas to those desiring such a method of book-keeping. By this means I am enabled to tell at once where I acquired nearly every stamp in my collection, and the price paid for it.

My plan is very simple. I have two large, ordinary account books such as a journal and a ledger. In the former I record the purchase of all stamps, of whom bought, the cost price, and when acquired. The countries in each lot are arranged in alphabetical order, and the stamps described in detail. The total cost price is brought out at the right of the page, added up, and carried to the next page, thereby showing at once the total amount spent on one's collection.

For example:

Feb. 5, 1902—From Willard O. Wylie, Beverly, Mass.,
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I also have a separate account of stamps acquired through exchange, giving the value at which they were taken, (which is generally the current catalogue price), what exchanged for, and who exchanged with. Another list is kept of stamps received as gifts, showing date and name of donor. This is not likely to take up much room, however.

These various items are posted to a ledger, wherein is an account with each stamp issuing country. Here is recorded the date of the transaction, denomination of stamp or stamps and date of issue, in the briefest possible manner, and at the extreme right the number of stamps added. Unless otherwise indicated, it is understood they were bought for cash. Where stamps are gotten by exchange it is indicated by "Exch." and if received as gifts, by "G." When a set, or two or more of the same issue are added, they may be entered on one line. Where a used stamp is afterwards replaced by an unused copy, a line is drawn through the first entry and a new entry made, but the total number is not increased. In my book the countries are arranged partly in alphabetical order, but mostly in regard to space taken, and are indexed. For convenience in posting, it might be more desirable to have them arranged entirely in alphabetical order. However, some countries take up more space than others, and some headings are not needed at all by the average general collector. For example, Brazil requires more room than Poland, and it might be useless to have even a heading for the latter country, and similar countries whose stamps are not easily acquired. The United States is subdivided into General Issues, Envelopes, Revenues, Departments, Unpaids, Locals, etc. These separate accounts can be totalled as often as desired, but it is hardly necessary to do this more often than once a year.

In addition to the foregoing, I have other accounts showing the total number of stamps in my collection and the value of same, simply recording, in the one case, the date and number added, and in the other case, the date and value of stamps so added. These might be conveniently combined in one account, if desired. Most all collectors have a check list of this kind. In former years, as a new catalogue was issued, I would take a census of my collection, as to number and value of the stamps of each country, adding the increase or subtracting the decrease, in value from the total already on the book. However, I have not done this for eight years, principally on account of lack of time, and have had to be content with the increase in value as the result of newly added specimens. I do not believe there has been a decrease in the total value of those stamps already acquired. This brings to mind the enormous increase in the value of some of the new issues, and serves to impress one with the wisdom of securing such stamps while they are new. Just as many owners of real estate are made wealthy by appreciation in values, stamp collections become valuable property through rises in catalogue quotations.

A few instances from my record will illustrate this. For the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c Guam, unused, I paid my friend H. F. Colman 35 cents, sometime back in 1901. They now catalogue $5.20. For my Canal Zone on U. S., 1, 2, 5, 8, 10c (1904) I gave 40c; they now are catalogued at $2.55. I bought the 2p and 2½p Niger Coast (1897-98) from Willard O. Wylie, for 14c; the present catalogue quotation is 70c. Southern Nigeria, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6p (1901), purchased from same party at 42c, now catalogue $1.75. Northern Nigeria, ½, 1, 2, 2½p (1900) cost me 17c, and are now listed at $1.95. One of the greatest increases is shown in a set of Papua, ½, 1, 2, 2½ 4p (1901) unused, for which I paid 30 cents in 1902, and which now catalogue $3.85. This is an increase of more than 1,200%, or over 100% a year. What else appreciates in value so rapidly? Many other instances might be sighted. Most all United States stamps, purchased at face, when current, show great increase in value, now that they are obsolete.

In regard to checking up the catalogue, when one's collection passes the 5,000 mark it becomes a task of large proportions, and then it is of only temporary benefit. It has always seemed to me that the advantage is largely overestimated, as in buying away from home it invariably happens that both album and catalogue are not at hand, and it is little more trouble to transport the one than the other. There is no more satisfaction to be had when buying than to have one's collection at hand and see just what is needed, for even though a checked catalogue may indicate whether a stamp be lacking or not, it is not always possible to tell the exact condition it is in. A specimen may be unused and not necessarily in perfect condition, while a used stamp may be in "57 varieties" of condition. Nevertheless, for those who prefer to check up their catalogue, and have the time to do so, the simple plan of making a small line *up to* the unused or used price will indicate the stamp has been already obtained, and in fairly good condition, and of continuing the line *through* the catalogue quotation, to indicate a poor specimen.

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In the trade column the Gem Stamp Shop, 19 Milk St., Boston, makes its initial bow. Its manager is George E. Marx, a very familiar name among stamp collectors and dealers in the years gone by. We hope Mr. Marx will be given a cordial welcome to the ranks of the dealers.

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AUSTRALIA.—Fred J. Melville has the following in the *London Telegraph*: A correspondent points out that the new Australian King George 1d stamp, being printed from recess plates, has not been perforated by the usual "comb" perforating machine, but by a single-line machine, of similar gauge (perforation 11). He suggests that as there is another single-line perforation in use in Melbourne (gauging 10½), this may have been used also, and collectors will do well to look out for possible varieties of perforation. At the same time, it may be well to point out that small variations in the size of the stamps do not denote the use of different dies. For the recess-plate process of printing the paper is printed upon while wet, and the wetting expands the paper, which contracts on drying, and this contraction is variable.

BELGIUM.—A new value has appeared in the Postal Packet series. The 10c postage now appears without the name of the engraver, says *Ewen's Weekly*. A 15c value is shortly to be added to the regular postage set.

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CEYLON. — *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles the 5r value on green tinted paper. Hermann Focke reports that a recent importation of the 2r was on paper colored yellow all through.

Adhesive.

5r black on green tinted.

COLOMBIA.—Leonard F. Garbaccio has shown us three different issues of the 2c stamp of 1908. The paper is different in each, one showing fine vertical laid lines, another with the same lines horizontal, and the third on wove paper, with part of a watermark, possibly the name of the paper or its maker.

CUBA.—*Die Post* notes the issue of the 1p value in a single color.

Adhesive.

1p black.

DUTCH INDIES.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* reports several values of the current series printed in soluble colors. The 17½c, 20c, 22½c, 25c and 30c have been seen thus.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA.—*La Revue Philatelique Francaise* chronicles a new registration envelope and reply post card, in the King George series.

Registration Envelope.

18c blue.

Post Card.

6x6c carmine.

EGYPT.—Arthur Russell sends us used specimens of the 1m, 2m, 3m and 4m stamps of the new series.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.— The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* notes specimen copies of two high values of the King George set.

Adhesives.

10sh carmine on green.
£1 black on red.

HONG KONG.—Several values have appeared in a new printing, and the 25c for the first time.

Adhesives.

12c lilac on yellow tint.
25c lilac on red violet.
50c black on green tinted.
$5 red and dark green on green tinted.

INDIA.—*Patiala.—The Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung* notes that the 6a King George stamp has been overprinted for use in this state.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—*Der Philatelist* chronicles new values in the King George set, and *La Revue Philatelique Francaise* a new wrapper.

Adhesives.

3d purple on yellow tinted.
1sh black on green tinted.

Wrapper.

½d green on yellow.

MALTA.—*Ewen's Weekly* gives full particulars of the complete set of twelve values of the new stamps. The ¼d, ½d, 1d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1s, are in the new De la Rue design, with head of King George. The 4d shows a view of Valetta, and 2sh and 5sh are in the large Nyasaland type, with head of King George, and the 10sh in the old design. Tinted paper has been adopted for the

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1d red.
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3d purple on yellow tinted.
4d black.
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1sh black on green tinted.
2sh ultramarine on blue.
5sh red and green on yellow.
10sh blue-black.

MONTSERRAT.—The *Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles the 5sh King George stamp.

Adhesive.

5sh green and carmine on yellow.

NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke shows us a new provisional in the Cordoba Series, the 1c yellow green Engine stamp having been overprinted "Vale—dos—centavos—de cordoba—1913," in five lines in black.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—Sets of 24 provisionals, overprinted in the Vasco da Gama stamps of Portuguese Africa, Macao and Timor have been issued for Portuguese Congo, Quelimane, and Téte, in addition to those previously catalogued.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.—*Der Philatelist* chronicles two values on tinted paper.

Adhesives.

4d red and black on yellow tinted.
1sh black on green tinted.

TURKEY.—*Champion's Bulletin* illustrates and describes the new series of postage stamps, which form a striking departure of this country in the making of stamps. Later we shall be able to give a better description, but the colors given by *Champion* are:

Adhesives.

2pa lilac.
4pa brown.
5pa brown lilac.
6pa blue.
10pa light green.
20pa red.
1pi blue.
1½pi red and black.
1¾pi gray and red brown.
2pi green and black.
2½pi orange and green.
5pi violet.
10pi brown lilac.
25pi olive green.
50pi carmine.
100pi blue.
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PARCEL POST SERIES—*(Continued from page 66.)*

The 50 Cent Parcel Post.

The design for this stamp was approved on December 4, 1912, and the first plate finished on December 9, five days later. The design shows a scene in the "Dairying" industry, several hornless examples of the original source standing out prominently against a suggestive background of the complimentary water towers common to the dairy farms of the middle West.

The first printing was made on December 10, 1912, and the last printing on February 28, 1913. During the period there were printed 2,118,240 stamps. On December 15, 1913, there remained in stock at the Bureau 926,814 of these stamps, a total of 1,191,426 having been delivered to Postmasters.

Eight plates were prepared for this denomination, three of which were never used. The first plate finished, No. 6274, was printed without the imprint of value. The imprint was never added to this plate. The last four plates used were originally made with this imprint.

Plate numbers and data regarding each plate is as follows:

Plates for the 50 Cent Stamp.

No.	*Finished.*	*First Printing.*	*Imprint?*	*Added?*	*Printed before added?*
6274	Dec. 9, 1912	Dec. 10, '12 to Dec. 13, '12	No	.....	...
6275	Dec. 10, 1912	.....	No	.....	...
6276	Dec. 10, 1912	.....	No	.....	...
6277	Dec. 12, 1912	.....	No	.....	...
6423	Feb. 19, 1913	Feb. 25, '13 to Mar. 1, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6424	Feb. 24, 1913	Feb. 25, '13 to Mar. 1, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6427	Feb. 24, 1913	Feb. 25, '13 to Mar. 1, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6428	Feb. 24, 1913	Feb. 25, '13 to Mar. 1, '13	Yes	Original had Imprint	

The 75 Cent Parcel Post.

The "Harvesting" design for this stamp was approved on December 10, 1912, and the first plate finished on December 12, 1912. The first printing was made on December 13, 1912, and the last on February 17, 1913. During this time there was printed 6,283,440 of these stamps of which 2,062,256, practically one-third, were delivered to postmasters within a year,—that is, up to December 1913.

There remained in stock at the Bureau at that time 4,221,184 stamps which is slightly more than two-thirds of the total printed.

Eight plates were prepared for this denomination, four of which were never put to press. On February 10, 1913, the imprint of value was added to the four plates which had been previously used and from which a subsequent printing was made. The four plates, which were not used were originally engraved with the marginal imprint.

Plate numbers and notes thereon, follow herewith:

Plates for the 75 Cent Stamp.

No.	*Finished.*	*First Printing.*	*Imprint?*	*Added?*	*Printed before added?*
6287	Dec. 12, 1912	Dec. 13, '12 to Dec. 17, '12	Yes	Feb. 10, '13	Yes
6288	Dec. 18, 1912	Dec. 19, '12 to Dec. 21, '12	Yes	Feb. 10, '13	Yes
6296	Dec. 20, 1912	Dec. 30, '12 to Jan. 2, '13	Yes	Feb. 10, '13	Yes
6299	Dec. 23, 1912	Dec. 30, '12 to Jan. 2, '13	Yes	Feb. 10, '13	Yes
6396	Feb. 14, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6402	Feb. 14, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6414	Feb. 19, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	
6418	Mar. 8, 1913	.....	Yes	Original had Imprint	

The $1.00 Parcel Post.

On December 10, 1912, the design for this stamp "Fruit Growing" was approved and on December 12, 1912, the first plate, No. 6262 was finished. The first printing was made on December 13, 1912, and the last on November 26, 1913.

The total number printed of this denomination is 1,053,720, of which 479,786 had been delivered to Postmasters by December 15, 1913, at which time there remained in stock at the Bureau a total of 573,934.

Four plates were prepared for this denomination to each of which was added the imprint of value on March 24, 1913. The first plate finished was printed before and after this imprint was added. The remaining three did not go to press until the imprint was added.

The plate numbers and data on each plate is as follows:

Plates for the $1.00 Stamp.

No.	*Finished.*	*First Printing.*	*Imprint?*	*Added?*	*Printed before added?*
6262	Dec. 12, 1912	Dec. 13, '12 to Dec. 17, '12	Yes	Mar. 24, '13	Yes
6263	Dec. 18, 1912	Mar. 26, '12 to Mar. 28, '12	Yes	Mar. 24, '13	Yes
6264	Dec. 30, 1912	Mar. 26, '12 to Mar. 28, '12	Yes	Mar. 24, '13	
6265	Jan. 6, 1913	Mar. 26, '12 to Mar. 28, '12	Yes	Mar. 24, '13	

The Parcel Postage Due Stamps.

These stamps, of which five denominations were issued, were printed between November 20, 1912 and June 11, 1913. The denominations are 1, 2, 5, 10, and 25 cent.

The design is the same in all denominations except for the different inscriptions and numeral of value which is centered in an elaborate piece of lathe engraved work.

These stamps are printed in green ink. Thirty plates were prepared for the series, seven of which were never used. One of these seven plates was never finished. But one plate bore the imprint of value on the margin. This is the 5 cent plate, No. 6245. The imprint was added to this plate on January 27, 1913. The marginal imprint is not required in the instance of the due stamps owing to the relatively small number used, the more deliberate methods common to the use of the Postage Due stamps, and primarily, because of the prominent figure of value incorporated into the design. The designs for this series of 5 stamps were approved about Nov. 15, 1913.

The 1 Cent Parcel Post Due Stamp.

The first printing of this denomination was made on November 20, 1912, the first four plates having been finished on that date. The last printing was made on November 30, 1912. During this time there were printed 7,322,400 stamps of this denomination. By December 15, 1913, 4,752,131 had been delivered to Postmasters and there remained in stock at the Bureau 2,570,269.

Eight plates were prepared for this stamp, four of which were never used. None of these plates bears the marginal imprint of value.

The plate numbers and information on each plate is as follows:

Plates for the 1c Due Stamp.

No.	*Finished.*	*First Printing.*
6225	Nov. 20, 1912	Nov. 20, '12 to Nov. 26, '12
6226	Nov. 20, 1912	Nov. 20, '12 to Nov. 26, '12
6227	Nov. 20, 1912	Nov. 20, '12 to Nov. 26, '12
6228	Nov. 20, 1912	Nov. 20, '12 to Nov. 26, '12
6233	Nov. 25, 1912	.....
6234	Nov. 22, 1912	.....
6235	Nov. 26, 1912	.....
6236	Nov. 22, 1912	.....

The 2 Cent Parcel Postage Due.

The earliest printing of this stamp was made on November 25, 1912, the plates having been finished on November 23, 1912. The latest printing was made on June 10, 1913. During the intervening period there had been printed 3,132,000 stamps, of which 2,411,051 were delivered to Postmasters by December 15, 1913, there remaining in stock at the Bureau at that time a total of 720,949.

Five plates were prepared for this stamp, one of which, No. 6366, was never finished. None of these plates bore the marginal imprint of value.

The plate numbers and printing data are as follows:

Plates for the 2c Due Stamp.

No.	*Finished.*	*First Printing.*
6241	Nov. 23, 1912	Nov. 25, '12 to Nov. 29, '12
6242	Nov. 23, 1912	Nov. 25, '12 to Nov. 29, '12
6243	Nov. 23, 1912	Nov. 25, '12 to Nov. 29, '12
6244	Nov. 23, 1912	Nov. 25, '12 to Nov. 29, '12
6366	.....	.....

The 5 Cent Parcel Postage Due.

The first plates were finished for this denomination on November 21, 1912, and the first printing made on November 23, 1912. The last printing was made on January 11, 1913. During this time, there was printed 5,840,100 of these stamps, 4,584,461, of which had been delivered to Postmasters by December 15, 1913, there remaining in stock at that time a total of 1,255,639 of these stamps.

For this denomination, nine plates were prepared, two of which were never used. Plate No. 6245 received the marginal imprint of value on January 27, 1913, after it had previously been printed. This is the only plate for the Parcel Postage Due stamp to which the imprint was added.

The plate numbers and related information follows herewith.

Plates for the 5c Due Stamp.

No.	*Finished.*	*First Printing.*
6229	Nov. 21, 1912	Nov. 21, '12 to Nov. 27, '12
6230	Nov. 21, 1912	Nov. 21, '12 to Nov. 27, '12
6231	Nov. 21, 1912	Nov. 21, '12 to Nov. 27, '12
6232	Nov. 21, 1912	Nov. 21, '12 to Nov. 27, '12
6237	Nov. 25, 1912	.....
6238	Nov. 25, 1912	.....
6239	Nov. 27, 1912	Jan. 11, '13 to Jan. 14, '13
6240	Nov. 27, 1912	Jan. 11, '13 to Jan. 14, '13
6245	Nov. 21, 1912	Nov. 21, '12 to Nov. 26, '12

The 10 Cent Parcel Postage Due Stamp.

The first plates for this stamp were finished on November 25, 1912, and the first printing made on November 27, 1912. The last printing was made on January 10, 1913. The total number of this denomination printed is 2,124,540, of which 1,246,181 had been delivered to Postmasters by December 15, 1913. At that time there remained in stock at the Bureau 878,359 of these stamps.

Four plates were engraved for this denomination, all of which were used. None of these plates received the marginal imprint of value.

The plate numbers and notes on each plate are as follows:

Plates for the 10c Due Stamp.

No.	*Finished.*	*First Printing.*
6250	Nov. 25, 1912	Nov. 27, '12 to Nov. 30, '12
6251	Nov. 25, 1912	Nov. 27, '12 to Nov. 30, '12
6252	Nov. 26, 1912	Nov. 27, '12 to Nov. 30, '12
6253	Nov. 26, 1912	Nov. 27, '12 to Nov. 30, '12

The 25 Cent Parcel Postage Due.

The first plate for this denomination was finished on November 26, 1912. The first printing was made on November 30, 1912, and the last on January 6, 1913, during which period there was printed a total of 2,117,700 stamps, of which 894,332 were delivered to Postmasters by December 15, 1913. At that time there remained in stock at the Bureau 1,223,368 of these stamps.

Four plates were made for this denomination, all of which were put to press. None of these plates received the marginal imprint of value.

The plate numbers and notes on each plate are as follows:

Plates for the 25 Cent Due Stamp.

No.	*Finished.*	*First Printing.*
6246	Nov. 26, 1912	Nov. 30, '12 to Dec. 3, '12
6247	Nov. 29, 1912	Nov. 30, '12 to Dec. 3, '12
6248	Nov. 29, 1912	Nov. 30, '12 to Dec. 3, '12
6249	Nov. 27, 1912	Nov. 30, '12 to Dec. 3, '12

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By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

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No positive proof had been produced to support this belief until the International Philatelic Exhibition, in New York, October 27-Nov. 1, 1913, when Mr. Joseph A. Steinmetz, the well known specialist of Philadelphia, displayed a most interesting lot of unpublished correspondence between A. N. Zevely, third assistant postmaster general of the United States during the year 1860, when the 24, 30 and 90 cents stamps were ordered to be designed and printed, and the firm of Toppan, Carpenter & Co., engravers and printers of the stamps of that time. Mr. Steinmetz has very graciously allowed the writer and MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS to make such use of this manuscript as seems proper to prove that the imperforate specimens of these denominations have been wrongly listed in the past.

From this correspondence it is easily shown that not only were these three denominations designed, engraved and manufactured at the time when perforated stamps were in general use, but it can be inferred that such stamps as later did get upon the market, and are now known as imperforates were from sample sheets furnished to the postal department, and were never sent to the postoffices to be sold in the imperforate condition.

It is further shown that the first issue of the 30 cent stamps was printed in black, and probably was used in limited quantity until the stamps were superseded by the stamps printed in orange-buff, the withdrawal of the stamps in black being for the reason that they received the cancellations badly.

The correspondence now in the hands of Mr. Steinmetz is too voluminous to use in its entirety, but sufficient is reprinted to prove the case, as stated. Note carefully the dates: The first letter shows order for the 24 cent stamps:

POST OFFICE DEPT., May 30, 1860.
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Gentlemen:—I have your telegraphic dispatch, stating that you can furnish *"Twenty-four-Cent"* stamps within three weeks after receiving an order.

Having understood that there is on hand a *plate* for this denomination, I supposed you might be able to prepare stamps on much shorter notice.

There is urgent necessity for a speedy supply, especially in the larger cities, growing out of recent orders to pay all postages in stamps. What the *actual* demand will be I cannot foretell, but suppose it will in a short time amount to *ten* millions (10,000,000).

So soon as your samples come the colors will be selected, and I trust you will be able to deliver at least a small supply for Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore within a week.

Very respectfully, &c., &c.,
A. N. ZEVELY, 3rd Ass't P. M. G.

The second letter has to deal with the selection of the violet shade in which the 24 cent stamps were printed:

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Dear Sir:—* * * The Twenty-four-Cent will, we suppose, be principally used on foreign postage, and it is desirable that it should have every advantage which art can give. Moreover, as it is the most valuable stamp it should be the best protected. It is accordingly engraved in the finest style, and a dark color would be the best to print with.

We submit samples marked respectively Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are colors now used, though presenting shades of difference in this stamp owing to the fine surface it presents for the ink. We suggest respectfully that the purple or lilac, sample marked "No. 4" gives perhaps a sufficient contrast with the colors now in use, while it is dark enough to bring out the engraving. * * * No. 4, the purple or lilac, is distinct from the others and bears a slight resemblance only to the Five-Cent stamp, which is of all the stamps the least used, and hence rare occasions for mistake between the two colors could occur. We are aware that the clerks at the various post offices look at the color more than at any other mark of the stamp, but we submit that a very little attention on their part would prevent an error in the office, while this dark hue of the stamp would be a powerful protection in its general circulation.

Trusting you may be enabled to decide upon a color which will please you, we remain,

Very resp'y, your obedient servants,
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A third letter confirms the probable selection of the ink to be used, and suggests that two new values (15 and 30 cents) were contemplated:

POST OFFICE DEPT., June 1, 1860.
MESSRS. TOPPAN, CARPENTER & CO.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:—Your letter of 30th ultimo with samples of Twenty-four-Cent postage stamps was duly received. The lilac shade (No. 4) seems the best, although it is scarcely distinctive enough when compared with the Five-Cent stamps now in use. The Postmaster General wishes you to furnish such stamps at the earliest day possible, taking care to preserve the most marked difference between the tints of the *lilac* and those of the Five-Cent stamps.

How soon could you prepare two new rates—say, Fifteen and Thirty, and what colors would be best?

Very respectfully, &c.,
A. N. ZEVELY, 3rd Asst. P. M. G.

Letter No. 4 indicates that the 24 cent stamps were to be put into use about June 15, 1860:

PHILA., June 1, 1860.
A. N. ZEVELY, ESQ.,
Third Asst. P. M. General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—Your esteemed favor of the 30th ult. is only at hand this morning and we reply at once to its contents.

You will observe from our letter of the 30th ult. that the delay in preparing the stamps arises chiefly from the time consumed in the drying, gumming and perforating. We think, however, that we can have about four hundred thousand stamps ready for delivery in about two weeks from date of the order to print. * * * In the meanwhile

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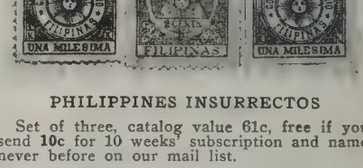
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On June 4, 1860, Toppan, Carpenter & Co. informed Mr. Zevely that the plate for 24 cent stamps had been put to press. It was here that the first suggestion as to a 30 cent stamp appears. In this letter it is suggested that the Franklin carrier design could be altered so as to form a 30 cent design.

Mr. Zevely, on June 8, 1860, asked that the Franklin carrier be so changed. He also informed the engravers that the 15 cent stamps would not be ordered.

The design for the 30 cent stamps was rushed and it was submitted with the following letter:

PHILA., June 10, 1860.
A. N. ZEVELY, ESQ.,
Third Asst. P. M. General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—Your favor of the 8th inst. is duly received and contents noted.

We have the honor to submit inclosed design for the Thirty Cents stamp for the approbation of the Post Master General. We have sought to make it superior in beauty and finish to any of those now used, and we hope that we have succeeded. As soon as we have instructions to proceed with this design we will put it in hand and furnish impressions at the earliest practicable moment. It is our present belief that we can use one of the positive colors now printed for this stamp and preserve at the same time such a marked difference in the appearance of the stamp as to prevent its being confounded with any of the others. We will be better able to decide this when the impressions are fairly contrasted. Begging you to return this design if approved, we remain,

Very respectfully,
TOPPAN, CARPENTER. & Co.

Following in regular sequence came a letter from Mr. Zevely approving the design and announcing that the 90 cent denomination would be required. This is included in the following:

WASH., D. C., June 12, 1860.
MESSRS. TOPPAN, CARPENTER & Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:—Your letter of 10th instant with design for the Thirty Cents postage stamp is received. The Postmaster General approves the design and requests you to execute it and furnish *specimen* impressions at the earliest practicable moment, the demand for the same being urgent.

It is also considered necessary to have a stamp of the denomination of Ninety Cents—not only to suit that particular rate of postage, but to pre-pay packages to the amount, sometimes, of several dollars. For this stamp the Postmaster General desires the head of Washington, and I need not suggest to you the importance of expending upon it all the talents you can command in respect to designing, engraving and coloring. Please to say how soon specimens may be expected. Also, report so soon as the Twenty-four-Cent and Thirty-Cent are ready.

Very respectfully, &c., &c.,
A. N. ZEVELY, 3rd Asst. P. M. G.

Note that the 24 cent stamps had not yet been delivered.

In the succeeding letter, written June 13, the engravers suggest the use of Trumbull's portrait of Washington for the 90 cent stamps. It also conveyed the information that delivery of 24 cent stamps would be commenced on June 15, 1860.

The next letter accompanied the impression of the 30 cent stamps, printed in black.

PHILA., June 25, 1860.
A. N. ZEVELY, ESQ.,
Third Asst. P. M. General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—* * * We have the honor to inclose an impression of the new Thirty Cents rate, which we hope will be found perfectly satisfactory. We deem it the handsomest stamp gotten up, while striking and valuable distinctions are shown from the others now printed. Indeed, we recommend earnestly the propriety and advantage of printing it in black, whereby the contrasts are made stronger and the beauty of the engraving better defined. * * * We have taken the liberty of altering the original drawing somewhat, so as to introduce the numerals "30" at the bottom in place of the word "Cents"; which change will, we sincerely hope, meet with the approbation of the Post Master General, as it is undoubtedly a great improvement, adding to the distinctive character of the stamp, while its artistic beauty and finish are enhanced. We hope to have a plate of this new denomination ready for the press early next week. * * *

Very resp'y, your obedient servants,
TOPPAN, CARPENTER & Co.

Other letters follow. On June 27, 1860, Mr. Zevely informs the engravers that the design for the 30 cent stamps had been approved. A letter the following day from Toppan, Carpenter & Co. informs the authorities that work had been begun on the plate. July 3, 1860, the engravers were informed of a decision to print the 30 cent stamps in black, as follows:

July 3, 1860.
MESSRS. TOPPAN, CARPENTER & Co.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:—The Postmaster General, relying upon the distinct design for the Thirty Cents stamp as obviating the necessity of a distinctive color, and approves your suggestion to print them in *black*.

The chief objection to this color arises from the greater difficulty of cancelling them.

Very resp'y, your obedient servant,
A. N. ZEVELY.

For eight days there is a break in the correspondence. The black had not proved satisfactory, and the printing had been stopped pending the selection of another color, as is shown by the following:

PHILA., July 11, 1860.
A. N. ZEVELY, ESQ.,
Third Asst. P. M. General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—We are reluctantly obliged to stop printing the Thirty-Cent stamp until further advice from the Postmaster General. We find that the objection to black, arising from the difficulty of canceling the stamp, is likely to prove more serious than at first apprehended; and in order to give you a definite idea of this difficulty we inclose a half sheet of the denomination specified. The body of color is deeper and more generally diffused than is advantageous for cancellation.

We believe that the inclosed buff tint could be more advantageously printed than any hue of yellow, and canceling such a stamp would be easy and thorough. We have printed already a large number in black but we will readily submit to the loss in case the Postmaster General sees proper to order the buff color in its place. In such a case we

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*145	2½ on 1sh green	.75	.40
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Very respectfully,
TOPPAN, CARPENTER & Co.

A proof of the 90 cent design was submitted July 9, 1860. In letters following between the engravers and Mr. Zevely, the engraving and printing of the 90 cent stamps were discussed. On July 13 a shade of buff was urged upon the engravers for the 30 cent stamp; pink was suggested for the 90 cent, and further printing of the 24 cent stamps was suspended. On July 18, orange buff was ordered for the 30 cents.

The engravers, on July 30, suggested the delivery of 30 cent stamps on August 1, to the number of 280,000. On August 2, 10,000 of these stamps were sent to New York, 3,000 to Philadelphia, and 5,000 to each of the following: Cincinnati, St. Louis, New Orleans, Boston, Baltimore, Chicago.

August 3, blue was approved as the color of the 90 cent stamps. On August 4, Messrs. Toppan, Carpenter & Co. wrote that they would be able to deliver 300,000 stamps of 90 cent denomination on August 13, 1860.

In addition to the above, Mr. Steinmetz offers the following suggestions:

The standard Scott catalogue lists the 24 cent lilac, imperforate, under date of issue of 1851-56 so it is interesting to learn that this value was not created until June, 1860, when a specimen sheet was printed and submitted to the Postmaster General for final approval. It was usual to submit imperforate sheets of trial printings. Thus the 24 cent Scott No. 37, imperforate of 1851-56, is listed four years before its birth, when it is after all but an imperforate copy from a trial sheet of 1860, and should be catalogued as a sub-variety of Scott's No. 52 of 1860.

The 30 cent orange, imperforate, listed in Scott's Standard Catalogue under date of 1851-56, U. S. No. 30, was first approved in black and printed in large quantities in July, 1860. Sample imperforate sheets of the black 30 cent stamp were furnished to the Post Office Department, and it is quite likely were sold or used regularly for postage, being an approved and authorized printing. The color was quickly found objectionable as the cancelling ink would not show on the black stamp, so the issue was destroyed. The few that got into circulation, even though in imperforate condition, are rated among the extreme rarities of United States Postage Stamps

On July 11th, 1860, the 30 cent stamp was first submitted in imperforate trial printing in a buff tint, hence Scott's No. 38—the 30 cent imperforate is some four years ahead of its birth, being in reality but a sub-variety of No. 53 imperforate of 1860.

In that hot July of 1860 things were busy in the stamp foundry, for in this same month was born the 90 cent Trumbull Portrait of Washington, which was first suggested to be printed in black, but the Postmaster General requested that it should be done in a delicate pink, the color choice finally being a rich deep blue. Again we have in Scott's Catalogue a stamp listed as 1851-56 No. 39—the 90 cent imperforate, which was actually never conceived until the summer of 1860. The obvious fact remains that this 90 cent is but from an imperforate trial sheet and belongs under 1860 as a sub-variety of No. 54 (imperforate).

From the above, published for the first time in any philatelic magazine, it can easily be understood that the imperforates are really nothing but finished designs from the trial sheets, and while some specimens have probably been used, they were never intended to be issued imperforate, and they can hardly be classed as imperforate errors.

For the liberal use of the correspondence I have again to thank Mr. Steinmetz who has so magnanimously honored both the writer and MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS by his permission to spread the knowledge where it will be received by the largest number of interested philatelists.

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THE WETNESS OF WILLOW.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

Jimmy O'. had deserted the range and taken to the town,—a fact which was a constant puzzle. So, after I'd encouraged the sprouts of curiosity and aided them to develop into full growth, I put the question plainly.

Jimmy O'. looked at me quizzically. Then, with his whimsical smile:

"Well, I'll tell you. I just wanted to 'mill around a-while an' get my bearin's. You see, the boys are comin' in, an' besides—besides—"

Mirth was too much for Jimmy, then. When he had trained down, he added:

"An' on the 30th day of May, which same bein' Memorial Day—er—Dec'ration Day, gen'rally, fer Jimmy O'., you'll know all about it. Till then you don't want to be able to know anythin'—leastways, not too much."

Jimmy rolled a cigarette and grinned until he shamed a Cheshire cat.

"An' what I'm tellin' you thus far is 'on the square,' an' in confidence," added Jimmy, as the cloud of smoke began to hide him from view.

It is now the 28th of May, and Jimmy has been here five days. Tomorrow Willow votes wet or dry. I am for dry. Jimmy O'. has been dry so long I fear he yearns for a perpetual moisture.

Signs posted around the town of Willow blatantly set forth the great prosperity forthcoming if the wets prevail. One-third of the voting population is Mormon, and that people are, glory be! for a dry town. Of the remaining two-thirds,—well, popular opinion is inclined to moisture, and the promised prosperity. But there's the unknown quantity,—the woman vote,—for Arizona is all suffrage for the first time in its history.

It was a perfect day which ushered in the vital battle for the no-less vital issue. About dawn the stragglers began to arrive, in wagons and on horseback.

Eddy Fyne was somewhat early. He rather overdid his usual greeting, I thought,—a bit too effusive. Besides, Eddy did not sit on his horse with his customary ease. Jimmy O'. was on hand to greet his friend, and the two "tied their horses to the ground" and vanished.

The crowds were gathering near the polls when I went forth at nine o'clock to exercise the franchise. I was attracted to a crowd near the post office, listening to a burst of oratory from a voice which, though not wholly natural, seemed somewhat familiar.

"Some lit up, eh? Wonder where 'e got it?" said a native, as an opening in the crowd disclosed Eddy Fyne, clinging to a telegraph pole with one arm, and sawing the air with the other, mouthing a lot of stock phrases about "wet town an' prosperity"—"million dollar hotel" "shame to rob a man of right to drink," etc.

Just then the marshal came along, and Eddy, who knew him as an old time cowpuncher, shook hands effusively and wandered off, talking to himself and nearly colliding with a number of the most respectable electorate, both male and female.

I cast my ballot and went forth. Another crowd. This time it was Jimmy O'. and one of the boys from Bar-X trying to sing a duet, "There'll be a Hot Time." It was so bad it would have been funny were it not disgusting.

So the day passed. Eddy and Jimmy and the Bar-X boys were sure enjoying life this last day-of-grace. In my soul I grieved for them—for Jimmy, in particular, who, I thought, had given up the bottle for the stamp album. The fall hurt so much that I really did not care to return home at once, but dined out, learned that Willow was dry by seven votes, and then walked about the deserted streets for an hour before I ventured the trail to the tent-house.

I groped my way to the door. From the room behind came the discordant noise of heavy snores. I confess to being somewhat incensed. The boys were welcome—more than welcome—but in my soul I felt the hospitality which I had extended was surely being strained

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I thought hard for two minutes, then opened the door.

By the light of two candles, stuck ostentatiously in empty grape juice bottles, I saw Eddy Fyne, Johnny Williams, and the two punchers from Bar-X, "clothed and in their right minds," deep in a game of "muggins," with my ancient and favorite set of dominoes, while at the near-by table sat Jimmy O'., intently studying out some Sarawak perforations, the zest of the real collector on his face.

The snores came from the cowboy from ranch J-Bar-5, who was carefully laid out on a bench in the center of the room, candles stuck in other empty grape-juice bottles at head and feet.

Jimmy O'. looked up.

"Willow has gone dry by seven votes," I said slowly, taking in the scene in all detail. The domino-players did not even glance my way.

"Seven? Seven?" said Jimmy, wonderingly. "Should have been six, if"—

Then he looked the boys over. His laugh was full of the joy of victory as his eye lighted on "the corpse."

"Oh, Jiminy!" said Jimmy, when he could speak. "He was vote No. 7,—an' we all thought he was wet. He was so plumb lit up we thought he'd never go dry again!"

Then it was that a great light broke in upon me. It was all for effect,—to disgust and win over the wavering respectable element,—this horse-play by five reckless cow-punchers, bent on making respectable the town where their friend lived. I was touched, and I wanted to thank them. But, knowing cowboy character, I could do nothing but keep silence.

"We couldn't let you in," Jimmy explained. "You live here. This bunch o' people will cool off an' be glad they're dry—but not now. They'd make you miserable for a spell, first. Now that it's on them, they'll yell that it's on you."

"Muggins!" jubilantly shouted Eddy Fyne, as the game broke up, "I win the corpse. We sure need another hand up at the ranche, an' maybe I c'n make a stamp c'lector outen him yet!"

POSTAGE STAMP COMEDY.

Turkish Newspaper Says New Issue Bears Name of Armenian Society.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 3.—Much surprise, not unmingled with indignation, has been aroused in Turkish and European circles by the publication in the *Tanin* of what appears to be a covert attack on the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, Oskian Effendi, a most able and energetic Armenian official, who has greatly improved the postal and telegraphic service of Constantinople, which is now equal to that of many European cities.

Encouraged by the successful issue of an artistic one piastre stamp commemorative of the reoccupation of Adrianople which is said to have already paid for the postoffice automobiles recently purchased with the object of improving the service in the capital, the Minister decided to order a new issue of stamps, which bear for the most part beautifully engraved views of the capital and its environs, within artistic frames decorated with Arabic and Turkish motifs.

The public astonishment was therefore great when the *Tanin* published a statement to the effect that the cross-hatching under the words "Postes Ottomanes" engraved in Latin characters on the ten-para stamp was found, on examination with a magnifying glass, to be in part composed of Armenian characters, which according to an unnamed Armenian quoted by the *Tanin,* signified "Troshm Osmanli" (Turkish Post), but, "with the exercise of a little imagination," might be found to contain the word "Troshak"—the name of an Armenian revolutionary society.

The *Tanin's* assertions, which have caused much indignation among the many Turkish and European friends of the Minister, have been taken up by a section of the press, though it is refreshing to find that the *Peyam,* with a sense of humor rare among its contemporaries, brings forward evidence to prove that the "characters" in question, so far from being Armenian, are in reality old Ethiopic!

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

For the Best—A change has been effected in the commercial world of philately whereby one of the leading factors in it loses his identity as an individual dealer to gain a position more advanced and influential, in a field of inviting opportunity. P. M. Wolsieffer, the stamp auction specialist of Chicago, has become the general manager of and a director in the Philadelphia Stamp Company, which has absorbed Mr. Wolsieffer's stock and specialties. About March first, the arrangement becomes operative and P. M. Wolsieffer relinquishes his place in the business ranks after twenty-five years of service to accept a berth where fuller rewards may be won amid congenial surroundings. Before going to Chicago, Mr. Wolsieffer had lived in Philadelphia and in a way, he is now renewing home ties. P. M. Wolsieffer will be sorely missed in Chicago where he has been a philatelic leader for nearly thirty years he having been one of the organizers of the Chicago Philatelic Society in 1886, and though his associates there will gayly wave him their adieux, the eyes of his companions will be slightly misty. Mr. Wolsieffer's loyalty to Chicago in every way has been beneficial to its reputation as a philatelic center. To repeat the well-worn phrase, Mr. Wolsieffer's friends are legion and they will rejoice at his step of progression in having attained so dignified and influential a station.

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He Did It—We remember well when P. M. Wolsieffer started in business as a stamp dealer in Chicago and a retrospective glance shows that time has wrought its changes in dealing methods. Twenty-five years ago, the auction sales were infrequent, particularly outside of New York City and the catalogues of sales were scant in the description of lots, if indeed, they gave any particulars at all. When Mr. Wolsieffer entered the auction field, his acumen was such that he saw the necessity to repair this serious omission if the possibilities of the auction business were not to be stifled; and as the originator of the "explicit" method of cataloguing, Mr. Wolsieffer has conferred a boon on the whole business of stamp auctions. Conditions became bettered generally and a greatly increased volume of business resulted. Needless to say, Mr. Wolsieffer will catalogue the auction sales to be held by the Philadelphia Stamp Company.

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Early Literature—We have been awaiting the second part of the Priced Catalogue of the Alfred Smith Philatelic Library; and it has now been received. Like the preceding instalment, the second part is replete with interesting data on the "separate works" that it lists, (Firth-Mahé). While we find many works of familiar name in the pamphlet yet there are many others that practically are unknown to collectors of this generation. We notice Moens' Falsifications of Postage Stamps, in the original French and an English translation, both of which were published in 1862; and the Italian gudie-manual, by Franchi, 1864. The early Gray catalogues, first edition, 1862, are listed; and of A. C. Kline's (Philadelphia) The Stamp Collectors' Manual, it is said: "This was the earliest catalogue published in America and was a piracy of Mount Brown's Catalogue (London, 1862), from which it differs only in an amplification of the list of United States stamps and of those of the Confederate States, the latter being transferred to the letter 'S' under the heading of 'So-called Southern Confederacy'."

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Odds and Ends—Through the courtesy of Mr. J. J. Prendergast, we are enabled to add the Jack o' Lantern cancellation on the two-cent, 1894, to the list of freak obliterations. He sends also a three-cent, 1861, perforated so close at sides that the stamp deserves a place in the philatelic dime museum. Also: A letter stamped, "Hand Stamp Only," that was put through the machine as usual; and the first "parcel post" penalty blank that we have seen.

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Confederate Official Envelopes—Mr. Henry Hammelman writes: "In your editorial of February 7th, 1914, you mention having a three-cent, 1853, United States envelope, overprinted 'Confederate States of America-Agency Post Office Department, Trans-Miss.' with postmark of Marshall, Texas. In my collection I have similar envelopes of the Appointment, Contract and Finance Bureaus." While Mr. Hammelman does not specify that his 1853, United States envelopes have the "Agency Post Office Department, Trans-Miss." inscription which was the chief point of distinction of the envelope described three weeks ago, yet it is something to possess the envelopes with the imprints named, on the 1853 issue, instead of the usual 1857-60 issue. We hope to uncover the history of the Trans-Mississippi agency of the Confederate post office department as we do not remember having seen any description of its operations and our statement that it was located at Marshall, Texas, was based on the postmark of the sending office of the envelope.

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Not Inviting Overtures—The proposal of confederation of Newfoundland and the Dominion of Canada has gained some currency but it seems from the tenor of press reports in Newfoundland newspapers that the plan is regarded with little enthusiasm in the island. From all accounts the ancient colony has awakened to an appreciation of its immense natural resources, the development of which, it is predicted will make Newfoundland a prosperous and favored country. The information will not be unwelcome to philatelists who are not anxious that the interesting philatelic history of Newfoundland should come to a close.

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Trinidad, Value Omitted—A reader has sent us the following letter that he received from a credible source, it appears, and which is a remarkable narrative of the circumstances of the discovery of the Trinidad, one penny, black on red, "value omitted." At the time of the discovery of the error in 1902, accounts were published in the *London Philatelist* and *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*, that fully verified the stamp, if we recollect aright. The variety was listed in the English catalogues for some years. We do not hesitate to say that the letter bears the impress of authenticity. We have no idea of the value of the error; it is very rare, of course:

"My friend, Dr. Horatio F. Chisholm, has suggested that I write to you regarding some postage stamps, the value of which I am anxious to determine.

There are only three of these stamps in existence and the history of them is this:

About 1902, the post office at San Fernando, Trinidad, B. W. I., received a number of sheets of one penny stamps, which were turned over to the stamp clerk to be sold. A few of these stamps were sold and in the course of the morning my father, who was postmaster, stepped out from his office to get three stamps which he needed, tore three from the sheet and took them back to his desk. Just at this time he was called away and the stamps lay on his desk. A short time after the stamp clerk discovered that in printing this sheet of stamps the value "one penny" had been omitted. The sheet was at once set aside, by which time seven stamps had been sold, including the three my father had bought. The clerk returned the sheet, which was the only one incorrectly printed, to the Secretary of State Department and the stamps were destroyed. That evening a very careful search was made through the mail at the post office and all the letters with the incorrectly printed stamps on them were found and entirely obliterated with the date stamp. In the meantime my father, who left the Government service several years ago, had forgotten all about the matter until a short time ago when he noticed in a Barbados newspaper an advertisement offering a substantial price for any of these stamps, the advertiser evidently having heard from some clerk in the San Fernando post office about the occurrence. My father then searched through his papers and was fortunate enough to find the three unused stamps. As the other stamps sold from this sheet had been so completely defaced that even if they had been saved there was no way of recognizing them these three unused stamps are the only ones left of their kind, and I would very much like to know if there is any way of arriving at their value."

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The stamps are composed of the usual low values of the current issue, the red oblong parcel post, the green oblong parcel post postage due, two obsolete stamps of which the two cents postage due 1895 and the thirteen cents (Harrison) 1902 are also included as well as the registry ten cents blue 1911.

The above stamps here were for sale nearly a month, and probably not over 100 specimens of each kind were sold in all.

No sooner did this become known and a demand for them established, when they were withdrawn and the sale for them ceased on December 20th, 1913. It is very difficult to get definite information regarding this issue. May be they were only for trial and are to be the forerunners of a permanent issue, following the same principle as the other foreign post offices in Shanghai, in the overprinting of their respective stamps with China.

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Mr. Klein, whose halftone we print herewith, has been in the stamp business for seven years. In his official life he has been counterfeit detector of the American Philatelic Society for three years and is a member of nearly every important stamp society throughout the world. He is a member of the board of governors of the Philadelphia Stamp Club and was one of the nine members of the executive committee which so successfully directed the affairs of the International Philatelic Exhibition in New York. He was a member of the jury of awards at Chicago, 1911, and New York in 1913. Mr. Klein speaks and writes six European languages and at the present time specializes as a pastime in Hebrew and Arabic.

We bespeak for Mr. Klein a continuation of the success which has attended him during the years in which he has been engaged in the stamp business.

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—Charles D. Spring, giving a Brooklyn, N. Y. address, made application to the International Stamp Co. for an approval selection. Letters addressed to Mr. Spring, as well as to his reference, Frank Mancher, were returned marked "Party unknown."

—The Washington State Philatelic Society has begun the publication of a monthly *Northwestern Philatelist*, the subscription price of which is 50c per year. It consists of eight pages and designed as it is to exploit the Society, should serve a very useful purpose. It is edited by D. C. Bartley of Seattle.

—The U. T. K. Stamp Co. reports unsatisfactory dealings with a Mr. Lunquist of Moline, Ill.

—Capt. Clyde B. Parker, stationed at Fort Shafter, Honolulu, gives us the particulars of the two months' travels of a letter mailed by him but which was returned as undelivered after several forwardings. It indicated considerable effort upon the part of the P. O. Dept. to give the necessary service.

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WOLSIEFFER IN PHILADELPHIA.

The announcement that P. M. Wolsieffer is to be located hereafter in Philadelphia will come as a great surprise to his many friends and acquaintances. The advertisement of the Philadelphia Stamp Co. elsewhere in this issue announces the fact that Mr. Wolsieffer is to be the general manager of the firm, the entire Wolsieffer stock having been taken over. P. M.'s many friends will wish him large prosperity in the new relationship, and the Philadelphia Stamp Co. is to be congratulated upon the alliance that has been formed.

NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIC ASSN.

The regular meeting of the society was held at the B. P. S. Club Room, Feb. 10. It was voted to accept the *N. E. Philatelist* as official organ. The application of D. F. Kelleher for membership was accepted. A rising vote of thanks was given the anniversary committee for the good time enjoyed by the members at the 19th annual banquet at the Hayward.

It was voted that the society take the stand that "auction managers be held responsible for the descriptions given in the catalogs of the lots offered for sale and that it is the sense of this meeting that all members return any, and all lots bought at any auction sale that do not fully meet the description."

It was voted that an official auction purchasing agent be appointed (and if possible to establish the same in other cities) to act as such without cost to members. Pres. Bail appointed A. P. Brown as Purchasing Agent for this Society for Boston, and I. W. Risdon, Assistant Purchasing Agent.

The next regular meeting of the society will be held on Tuesday evening, March 10, at 8 o'clock, at the B. P. S. Club Room.

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1c—In regard to the 1c value, Mr. Brown stated that there would seem to be plenty of them for sale in Havana by various collectors. One party who claims to know definitely, however, states that there were only five sheets.

2c—Of the 2c, the original sheet was found in a suburb of Havana, and more or less of them were used before the error in printing was discovered. It is generally believed that at least 20 were used, although no one seems to know definitely. Of the other known sheet, not over 25 could be called fine, the other 75 being badly centered. Of the few well centered ones, we think blocks of four of this value, of the greatest rarity. We do not know of more than three perfectly centered blocks in existence, one of these is in the collection of Mr. Worthington, another in that of Mr. Taylor, and the third in a well known collection in New York.

5c—Mr. Brown stated that after talking with all the prominent collectors in Havana, he failed to find a single person who had ever seen or even heard of the existence of the 5c. As this stamp is not known in any American collection, it would seem that Scott's number 242a should be taken out of the catalog.

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"There comes the 'Duplicates'," said Robert Brown to a group of boys standing on the doorsteps of the school-building as the Wayne twins walked toward them.

The boys of his class laughed. The term was familiar, not only because of its connection with the twins but because of their experience in making a stamp collection for their room. Miss Ellison, their teacher, who overheard the remark laughed, too, at the cognomen which fitted the boys so well. It was so hard for her to tell the twins apart, that she finally assigned certain places in the class for them and remembered which place was for Thomas and which was for Carl.

"By the way, boys," she remarked, "I have something to tell you which I think will be of interest."

Eagerly the boys awaited the tap of the bell which would precede the announcement. Miss Ellison never disappointed them.

"What I wanted to tell you concerns our collection. There is only one more month of school. Next year your teacher in the seventh grade may not care to have you collect any more to add to this one. The collection might be wasted or lost if left here. My pupils for next year must not miss the fun of collecting one for themselves, so we will not need it. If each stamp is returned to the one who donated it, there will be no collection then. So I propose that we give it to one of the pupils who have helped to make it, this pupil being the one who makes the best grades during this month,"

Thomas Wayne's eyes shone. How he would like to own a collection of his own, and this one especially, for each stamp was associated with such pleasant discussions about the pictures, the money value, the country to which it belonged, and many other things, connected with it. Carl's eyes brightened in the same way, and the same thoughts occupied his mind also.

"If there should be a tie?" queried Robert Brown.

"We certainly would need duplicates then," smiled Miss Ellison. "Unfortunately we haven't any, however."

All the boys looked at the Wayne twins and grinned. They bore the scrutiny good-naturedly. They had no thoughts for resentment so engrossed were they with the thoughts of a possible chance of owning a stamp collection.

Miss Ellison tapped her bell, asked them if they approved her plan, and when they said they did, she repeated the offer again, making the decision final.

Thomas and Carl studied harder than they ever had before in their life. As the days passed, the other boys declared that the "Duplicates," were sure to win, and they were puzzled over the disposition of the prize. The twins, however, had not yet realized that they were rivals.

"The race seems to be between you and Carl," Miss Ellison remarked to Thomas as she returned his paper marked perfect to him a week before school closed.

Thomas flushed, then turned pale. A sudden fear made his hands tremble as he placed his paper away in his book. Carl, who had overheard the remark, looked at Thomas anxiously. All the pleasure of owning the collection was now gone when each realized that the other was just as anxious to possess it as he did himself, and that his brother was sure to be disappointed if he won.

"I'm going to quit studying, Thomas," said Carl, as they started for home; "I somehow did not think about you wanting it, and all the time I've been studying to beat the other boys."

"My case, exactly; but you're not to sacrifice yourself for me," snapped Thomas, not in anger, but to hide his real feelings, for he had had the same plan of self-sacrifice that his brother had offered.

Next day Thomas missed some words which he should not have done. Miss Ellison looked surprised. During the next recitation Carl managed to fall down on something.

"That won't do, Carl," whispered Thomas, as he passed him, "the others will beat us both if we both go to missing."

"Then, don't you miss," answered Carl.

In spite of themselves the day before the collection was to be awarded, the twins were ahead of every one else in the class and had just the same perfect lessons to their credit.

The next morning Carl ate little breakfast, and complained of headache. Of course Mr. and Mrs. Wayne would not insist upon him going to school. Thomas refused to go without him. Miss Ellison came by and found Thomas out in the yard throwing stones at the gate-post.

"Ready for the last day?" she called, pleasantly.

"I'm not going," he answered, gloomily.

"What's the matter?"

"Oh, Carl says he has the headache, and won't go. I'm not going and get that collection when he wants it as bad as I do," Thomas blurted out.

Miss Ellison, who had understood the situation since the day Thomas had missed those words, ran up the steps and knocked at the door. A few words to Mrs. Wayne caused Carl to be brought forth, and soon Miss Ellison's insistence secured the boys' promise to be at school that day. She declared the prize was already won, for there were to be no lessons on this last day. Neither boy could benefit the other by staying at home, and they would miss all the fun of the games and exercises. Carl looked sheepish when he felt that Miss Ellison had read the subterfuge of the headache; he had really thought that if he were absent the prize would be handed over to his brother.

Miss Ellison brought out two packages when the time came for announcing the winner of the collection. "To these two loyal and unselfish brothers, the class awards the original collection and a large collection of duplicates also. The boys deserve what they have won, and their classmates are proud of them both," Miss Ellison said as she handed each boy a package. At that moment she did not know which boy was Thomas or which was Carl, so she did not know which one got the original collection.

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*SEYCHELLES 1890, No. 5	.30	.13
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*Nabha State Service 1903. Nos. 118 & 119	.50	.20
*Patiala State Service 1903, No. 69	.08	.03
*Patiala 1902, No. 27	.12	.04
*NEWFOUNDLAND 1897, No. 79	.15	.05
*TURKS & CAICOS 1910, No. 77	.10	.03
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*Transvaal 1893, No. 144	.20	.08
* 1894-5, No. 149	.15	.06
* 1894-5, No. 152	3.00	1.00
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* 1896, Nos. 173 & 174	1.75	.42
*Gilbert & Ellice 1911, Nos. 8 to 11, special price		.35
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Costa Rica 1892, 1 peso, No. 41	.10	.03
Portugal 1910, 25r, No. 161	.08	.02
Costa Rica 1903, 25c, No. 57	.18	.04
Persia 1891, 10ch, No. 85	.08	.02
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1892-6, 20c, No. 19	.18	.06
1892-6, 50c, No. 20	.50	.14
* 1892-6, 50c, No. 20	.75	.16
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* 1903-4, 10c, No. 79	.20	.05
*Hayti 1896, 20c, No. 43	.12	.05
* 1898-9, 5c, No. 56	.10	.04
* 1898-9, 7c, No. 57	.08	.03
* 1898-9, 10c, No. 59	.10	.04
Mexico 1910, 20c, No. 317	.15	.03

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Guatemala 1886, Nos. 26 to 30	.68	.18
Bolivia 1894, 1c to 100c	.21	.06
Borneo 1887, Nos. 40 to 42	1.05	.28
1893, 1c to 24c, Nos. 59 to 67	.93	.28
1893, Nos. 68 to 70	.80	.32
1897, 1c to 24c	.90	.25
1901-2, 2c to 24c Dues	.77	.30
1902, 10c & 16c, Nos. 117-118.	.27	.10
1903-7, 2c to 8c Dues	1.80	.36
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Labuan 1894, 1c to 24c	1.04	.30
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*Salvador Officials 1911, 793 to 800	.89	.22
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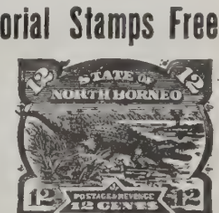
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Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Boston, Mass.

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

UNITED STATES.—The International Stamp Co. has shown us a copy of an imperforate Alaska-Yukon stamp, with a very peculiar defect. A piece of large thread nearly two inches long fell upon the plate during printing, and has left its impress in a white mark on the face and a raised impression on the back. It would be interesting to know from what plate this stamp was printed, and whether other stamps have been found with the same defect.

The *Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles the current United Stamps from 1c to 50c, inclusive, except the 15c, surcharged in black in two lines, "Shanghai—China." Can any of our readers give us any information about this surcharge?

COLOMBIA.—Hermann Focke sends us a new 5c "Retardo" stamp from this country. It is a small stamp, from an entirely new design, and bears the imprint, "Lit. Nacional, Bogota."

Champion's Bulletin reports another value in the same design. The stamps are perforated 13½.

Too Late Adhesives.

2c brown lilac.
5c green.

JAPAN.—*Maury's Collectionneur* says that a commemorative series will be issued at the end of the year, on the occasion of the coronation of the Emperor. Nothing has yet been decided as to design or values.

NETHERLANDS.—Mr. Schachne reports the full set of the 1913 cards, completing the 1910 issues. "Briefkaart" at top, 5 lines for address.

Post Cards.

1½c ultramarine on white.
2½c green on greenish.
1½x1½c ultramarine on white.
2½x2½c green on greenish.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—As announced in MEKEEL'S some time ago, the new Colonial stamps of the Ceres type are beginning to appear. Our foreign contemporaries chronicle those for Angola and India, and no doubt the others will follow shortly.

REUNION.—*Maury's Collectionneur* says that the remainders of all issues before 1907, which were not surcharged, have been burned. This included quantities of the 2c, 4c, 15c gray, 50c and 75c.

SALVADOR.—A. W. Dunning has shown us what is evidently the first of a new series of stamps from this Republic. The stamps are of large size, the design measuring 22x30 mm. and are printed in two colors. The paper is some kind of bank safety paper, with fine dots all over the surface. The engraving is well done, and might well have been the work of the American Bank Note Co., but the tint detracts from the appearance, and the gum is uneven. The portrait is that of Juan Manuel Rodeguez. The frame has "U P U" in the upper corners, with "Correos—el Salvador" in two curved lines between. The value in words runs across the bottom, with the figures of value in shields just above, opposite the lower part of the portrait opening. *L'Echo* notes the issue of the 25c value in the same set, with portrait of Dr. Manuel Enrique Aranjo. The stamps are unwatermarked and perforated 11½.

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U. S. and Colonies

Scott's No.		Cat.	Price
28	Used, fine	1.75	1.00
28a	5c dark br., good margins, bright color, un'd, fine	8.50	3.50
29	10c blk., good margins, fresh unused, fine	35.00	9.50
31	1c type II, unused	3.00	1.10
35	10c type I, unused	17.50	4.70
40	1c blue, used	7.50	2.70
40	1c blue reprint, un'd, fine	12.50	4.70
47	5c brown, good, used	4.00	1.50
48a	5c brown, fine, used	5.00	1.70
49a	5c or. br. fine, un'd	10.00	3.10
50	10c green, unused	7.50	1.70
52	24c lilac, used	4.00	1.75
53	30c orange, unused, fine	10.00	3.70
68	10c green, unused, fine	2.50	.80
70	24c red lilac, un'd bright	20.00	4.70
71	30c orange, un'd, o. g.	5.00	1.70
75	5c red brown, used	3.50	1.30
76	5c red brown, used	.85	.25
77	15c black, un'd, fine	10.00	3.30
83	3c rose, 13x16, used, fine	6.00	2.10
87	2c black, 11x13, un'd, o. g.	4.00	1.15
92	1c blue, 9x13,	5.00	1.10
93	2c black, 9x13, un'd, o. g.	1.50	.55
94	3c red, 9x13, unused	1.25	.40
96	10c green, 9x13, unused	5.00	1.35
98	15c black, 9x13, unused	10.00	3.10
102	1c blue, re-issue, o. g., not centered	8.50	2.10
103	2c black, un'd, centered	12.50	4.10
120	24c, 1869, used	5.00	2.15
122	90c 1869, full o. g., better centered than usual, very fine color	45.00	15.00
137	6c grille, used	4.00	1.40
138	7c grille, used	4.00	1.40
141	15c grille, used	6.50	2.10
148	6c carmine, unused	3.50	.90
149	7c vermilion, unused	6.00	1.70
151	12c dull violet, unused	8.00	2.35
153	24c purple, un'd, some gum	12.50	4.70
154	30c blk., unused	15.00	..
155	90c carmine, un'd, o. g.	15.00	3.75
241	$1.00 Col. o. g.	.	1.25
242	$2.00 Col. o. g., v. fine	..	2.20
244	$4.00 Col. o. g., fine	..	4.15
245	$5.00 Col. o. g., fine	..	5.10
277	$2.00 unused perfection, o.g.	4.50	2.50
263	$5.00 un'd, very fine, o. g.	12.00	6.00
502	3c agriculture, o. g., fine	.50	.18
503	6c agriculture, o. g.	1.50	.70
505	12c agriculture, used	6.50	2.20
514	1c Interior, o. g.	.35	.08
515	2c Interior, un'd	.10	.03
516	3c Interior, used	.10	.05
517	6c Interior, used	.15	.05
518	10c Interior, un'd	.50	.15
519	12c Interior, unused	.60	.20
523	90c Interior unused	4.00	1.25
524	1c Justice, un'd, fine	1.50	.55
525	2c Justice, unused	3.00	1.10
526	3c Justice, used	.75	.30
527	6c Justice, unused	2.50	1.10
528	10c Justice, unused	3.00	1.40
530	15c Justice, used	5.00	2.10
532	30c Jutice, unused	20.00	6.75
532	30c Justice, used	15.00	5.10

Scott's No.		Cat.	Price
534	1c Navy, unused	1.25	.55
535	2c Navy, unused	1.00	.30
535	2c Navy, used	.50	.15
538	7c Navy, used	8.50	3.50
539	10c Navy, used	1.75	.55
541	15c Navy, used	2.25	.90
542	24c Navy, unused	6.50	2.75
543	30c Navy, unused	5.00	2.00
544	90c Navy, unused	15.00	5.75
544	90c Navy, used	9.00	3.70
579	24c Treasury, unused	12.50	4.10
580	30c Treasury, unused	.75	.25
581	90c Treasury, unused	2.00	.85
581	90c Treasury, used	.60	.25
556	1c State, used	2.50	1.00
557	2c State, unused	5.00	2.00
557	2c State, used	4.00	1.70
559	6c State, used	.60	.25
560	7c State, unused	3.00	1.10
561	10c State, unused	3.00	1.10
563	15c State, unused	4.00	2.00
565	30c State, unused	7.00	3.10
1002	10c News, unused	5.00	2.00
1002a	10c News, unused	7.50	2.00
1003	25c News, unused	5.00	2.00
1003a	25c News, unused	6.00	2.00
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1620	1c green	.03
1636	2c Die A	.05
1640	2c Die C	.05
1642	4c Die A	.08
1645	5c Die B	.08
1650	2c Die B	.08
1656	4c Die B	.07
1658	5c Die B	.08
1667	2c Die B	.08
1671	2c Die A	.05
1672	2c Die B	.08

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1302	3c Die 2, unused	5.00	1.90
1304	3c Die 4, used	6.00	2.30
1308	10c Die 2, used	4.00	1.70
1315	6c used	2.00	.70
1317	10c Die 2, used	2.00	.70
1318	10c Die 4, used	2.00	.70
1354	9c yellow, unused, fine	2.50	1.10
1358	18c red, unused, fine	2.50	1.10
1359	24c blue, unused, fine	2.50	1.10
1360	30c green, unused, fine	2.50	1.10
1361	40c rose, unused, fine	2.50	1.10
1372	12c plum, unused, & fine	1.50	.70
1373	15c red orange, un'd & fine	1.50	.70
1374	24c purple, unused & fine	2.50	1.10
1383	10c brown, unused & fine	3.00	1.10
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Provisional Postage Due Adhesives.

2 paras on 10pa green.
5 paras on 20pa pink.
10 paras on 40pa blue.
20 paras on 40pa blue.

VENEZUELA.—F. R. Lawrence takes up the subject of the two color lithographed series of 1911, and treats it so exhaustively that we shall let him tell his own story. His letter treats of the 5c, 10c and 25c values. This raises the question as to the value of the note in regarding the 50c with blue centre, in Scott's Catalogue. Mr. Lawrence says:

"In re Venezuela lithographed issue of 1911, I wish to submit the enclosed varieties. Doubtless your attention has already been called to the gradation in color of center medallion existing in the 25c as well as in the 5c and 10c value. With so many shades represented—none scarce—it would hardly seem feasible to make a distinction between them. Of course, in each value we find a strong difference between the extremes but the toning down from the normal type of the centre shade gives a multitude of combinations, due to poor lithographing, carelessness in mixing color or in inking stones. These were selected from 100 of each value, purchased at auction about a year and a half ago.

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"The 10c stamp in the lot of 100 furnished 35 normal, 31 with distinctly yellowish centres and the balance in between.

"The 25c stamp furnishes in my assortment the scarcest variety with the dark center. I only found one in the 100. The normal type of coloring exists in 85 stamps, 14 have distinct differences in center coloring, and the above mentioned dark center completes the 100."

Adhesives.

5c deep green and green.
5c deep green and yellow green.
10c carmine and deep carmine.
10c carmine and red.
10c carmine and pale red.
10c carmine and orange red.
25c deep blue and dark blue.
25c deep blue and deep ultramarine.
25c deep blue and blue.
25c blue and blue.
25c ultramarine and blue.
25c ultramarine and ultramarine.

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MECKLENBURG-SCHWERIN.

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on August 16th. There was little room for the roulette lines, the size of the completed stamps being 23mm. square. When a new supply was required in 1867 the plate was reconstructed so that it contained 100 stamps like that of the 4/4sch and 5sch. These were so spaced that the stamps now measure a trifle more than 24 mm. square. Two printings, each of 20,000 stamps, were made and these were delivered on July 11th and August 24th, 1867, respectively.

Reference List.

1865. Typographed. Rouletted 11½.

7. 3sch yellow, Scott's No. 8 or No. 8a.

THE FIFTH ISSUE.

Although, as we have shown in our introductory notes, there was considerable need for a 2 schillinge stamp the first supply of this value was not issued until October, 1866. In design it is similar to the 3sch and 5sch but with, of course, the numerals "2" in the angles. The plate consisted of the 100 electrotypes then usual and the first supply consisted of 500 sheets, or 50,000 stamps. These were printed in purple and the supply lasted until September, 1867, when another batch of 200 sheets (20,000 stamps) was ready for issue. This second lot provides two shades—grey-lilac and bluish lilac. One of the electrotypes was slightly damaged, the ball of the "2" in the upper right hand corner being knocked off providing a minor variety.

Reference List.

1866-67. Typographed. Rouletted 11½.

8. 2sch lilac, Scott's No. 7 or 7a.

REMAINDERS.

Mecklenburg-Schwerin having joined the North German Confederation its special stamps were superseded on January 1st, 1868, by the general issue for the Confederation. Late in the same year or early in 1869 the remainders were purchased from the Post Office by Mr. G. Schnelle, of Schwerin. These consisted of the following:—

2sch lilac,	15,000 stamps
3sch yellow,	18,800 stamps
5sch bistre,	3,000 stamps
4/4sch red,	36,500 stamps

Envelopes.

1sch red,	26,400
2sch lilac,	25,000
3sch yellow,	18,700
5sch bistre,	2,400

The price paid for the lot was $75.00 and the purchaser offered them wholesale at the following rates:—

1sch (4/4) red, $2.40 per 100.
2sch lilac, $2.40 per 100.
3sch yellow, $2.40 per 100.

From another list of the same period we take the following retail prices which are interesting compared with those now obtaining:—

1856, 4/4sch red, imperf., unused 12c.
1856, 4/4sch red, imperf., used 4c.
1856, 4/4sch red, rouletted, unused 50c.
1856, 4/4sch red, rouletted, used 50c.
1856, 3sch yellow, imperf. 2c.
1856, 5sch blue, used, 12c.
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Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

Mecklenburg-Schwerin is a grand-duchy of the German Empire lying south of the Baltic Sea. The surface is generally flat but diversified by the Baltic ridge of the North German plain. Its area, including that of its sister duchy, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, is 6,266 square miles and the combined population of both is not far in excess of 800,000. Agriculture, the most important industry in the duchy, has reached a high state of development. Sugar and starch factories, breweries and distilleries, and the making of machinery and bricks are the other industries of moment. Salt and gypsium are extracted. The capitol of Mecklenburg-Schwerin is Schwerin. The town of next importance is Rostock at which a well-known university is established. The population of the towns and land-owning classes are of lower Saxon descent, while the rural population are mostly of Slav descent. The current language is Platt-Deutsch or Low German. The duchy dates from 1710, while the title of grand duke dates from 1815. During the time its postage stamps were in use the reigning Grand Duke was Frederick Francis II. Mecklenburg-Schwerin has two votes in the Imperial Federal Council and sends six members to the Imperial Diet.

ITS PHILATELIC HISTORY.

The grand-duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin did not issue its first postage stamps until July 1st, 1856, though it appears to have joined the German-Austrian Postal Union some years previously and to have been desirous of issuing stamps. Its currency, however, seems to have been a stumbling block for being in thalers and schillinge some difficulty was experienced in arriving at equivalents acceptable to the other members of the Union. The thaler, equal to about 72c in United States currency, was divided into 48 schillinge, while the thaler of the Postal Union (also worth about 72c) was equal to 30 North German silber-groschen. After some discussion it was agreed that 1 silbergroschen should be represented by 1¾ schillinge, 2 silbergroschen by 3¼ schillinge, and 3 silbergroschen by 5 schillinge.

The letter rates within the boundaries of the duchy were 1 schilling up to three German miles, 1 schilling 6 pfennige (or 1½ schilling) from three to six miles, and 3 schillinge for distances over six miles. The rate on printed matter weighing under 1 loth was ½ schilling, regardless of distance, and for heavier packages the rate was one-fourth that charged for letters. The rates for letters sent to other countries within the Postal Union were 1¾ schilling for distances up to 10 miles, 3¼ schilling for distances of 10 to 20 miles, and 5 schilling for distances over 20 miles. These rates would have necessitated quite a number of different denominations but the difficulty was surmounted by the ingenious expedient of issuing a divisible 1 schilling stamp (so constructed that it could be cut up into four parts of ¼ schilling each) and 3 and 5 schillinge values. In 1864 the 4/4 schilling stamp was issued rouletted and almost immediately after it was changed somewhat in design. At the same time the color of the 5sch was changed from blue to bistre. In September, 1865, the 3sch appeared rouletted.

In 1863 the postal rates were revised as regards inland letters the new schedule being 1 schilling for distances up to five miles, 2 schilling from five to ten miles, and 3 schilling above ten miles. For printed matter distance was disregarded and the rates were fixed by weight at ½ schilling up to 1 loth, 1 schilling from 1 to 4 loth, and 2 schilling from 4 loth to eight ounces. It will thus be seen that there was considerable necessity for a 2 schilling stamp but a label of this value was not issued until October, 1866. In the following year it underwent a change of color and on January 1st, 1868, the separate series of stamps for Mecklenburg-Schwerin was dispensed with on the formation of the North German Confederation.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

The first stamps, as we have already stated, were issued on July 1st, 1856. They were printed at the Prussian State Printing Office, in Berlin, on white wove paper and were issued imperforate. The design of the 1 schilling consisted of four small stamps of ¼ schilling each in two rows of two, the combined four being about 21 mm. square. The design on each of these four quarters shows a bull's head (or that of a buffalo according to some writers) the Arms of Mecklenburg, on a dotted ground, heraldically representing a field *d'or*. This was enclosed by a square frame inscribed "SCHILLING" at the base and "MECKLENB. SCHWERIN FRIEMARKE" on the other three sides, the numerals of value being in the angles. The 3 and 5 schillinge are alike in design and show a bull's head on a dotted ground within a shield, surmounted by a grand ducal coronet on an uncolored ground. Around this centerpiece is a square frame being inscriptions similar to those on the lowest denomination except that the word at base is "SCHILLINGE." The numerals in the angles are, of course, "3" and "5" respectively.

The sheets consisted of 120 stamps arranged in twelve rows of ten. According to the late Mr. W. A. S. Westoby "the 480 electrotypes for the ¼ schilling were arranged in groups of four in two rows of two, 1¾ mm. distance from each other, and 1¾ mm. between each group." Other writers state that the small electrotypes were placed an equal distance apart horizontally and vertically so that each was virtually a separate ¼ schilling stamp. The electrotypes for the 3 and 5 schillinge values were spaced about 2 mm. apart. The rows were numbered in the margins at each side from 1 to 12 respectively. Three deliveries of these stamps were made by the Prussian State Printing Office viz.:

Date.	*Sheets.*	*Value.*	*Stamps*
June 9, 1856.	6,300	4/4sch	756,000
June 9, 1856.	1,800	3sch	216,000
June 9, 1856.	600	5sch	72,000
Nov. 26, 1856.	200	3sch	24,000
Dec. 16, 1856.	1,650	3sch	198,000

It will be noted that the total supply of the 5sch consisted of only 72,000 stamps so that it is rather surprising its catalogue value is not higher. The only denomination that varies in shade is the 2sch which is found in yellow and orange-yellow.





Reference List.

1856. Typographed. Imperf.

1. 4/4sch red, Scott's No. 1.
2. 3sch yellow, Scott's No. 2 or No. 2a.
3. 5sch blue, Scott's No. 3.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

On June 12th, 1864, a supply of 500 sheets (60,000 stamps) of the 4/4sch stamp was ordered from Berlin and delivered early in July. The printers took it upon themselves to roulette the stamps in this supply and as the innovation was approved by the Mecklenburg authorities all further supplies of stamps were issued with roulette separation. This rouletting necessitated a new arrangement of the little electrotypes. The groups of four were arranged with a space of 3mm. between them, which allowed of a rouletting in line between each group. The paper on which this supply of stamps was printed was of a different texture from that used in 1856, having a smoother surface and being softer with a more pronounced mesh. Notwithstanding the fact that there were nearly as many of these stamps printed as of the 5sch blue this is the rarest of all Mecklenburg stamps as a glance at the catalogue will show.



Reference List.

July, 1864. Typographed. Rouletted 11½.

4. 4/4sch red, Scott's No. 4.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

A notice issued by the Post Office under date September 30th, 1864, informed the public that as soon as the stock of 5sch blue was exhausted a new issue would be made printed in brown, and that the dotted ground in the 4/4 schilling stamps had been suppressed. The actual date of issue of these two new varieties does not seem to be known for, though the official circular referred to above is dated Sept. 30th, a delivery of the 5sch bistre was made on July 15th, 1864, while the first lot of the 4/4sch was delivered on August 10th. These stamps were printed in sheets of 100 in ten rows of ten instead of 120 as formerly. The dates and quantities of the different supplies were as follows:—

Date.	*Sheets.*	*Value.*	*Stamps*
July 15, 1864.	100	5sch	10,000
Aug. 10, 1864.	4,000	4/4sch	400,000
March 20, 1865.	150	5sch	15,000
Oct. 20, 1865.	150	5sch	15,000
Jan. 9, 1866.	5,000	4/4sch	500,000
Jan. 26, 1867.	60	5sch	6,000
Feb. 23, 1867.	2,000	4/4sch	200,000
June 11, 1867.	100	5sch	10,000
Aug. 24, 1867.	1,200	4/4sch	120,000

It will thus be seen that altogether 1,220,000 4/4sch stamps were printed and 56,000 of the 5sch.

The 5sch is known on a distinctly thick paper and as this is little rarer than the normal variety it would seem that more than one of the supplies mentioned above were on this paper. Both values may be found in quite a number of shades. The specialist can sub-divide the ordinary paper into two varieties—one having a close texture like that used in 1856 and the other having a coarse web like that used for the issue of the rouletted 4/4sch original type, made in 1864.

Reference List.

1864. Typographed. Rouletted 11½.

5. 4/4sch red, Scott's No. 5.
6. 5sch bistre, Scott's No. 6 or No. 6a.

THE FOURTH ISSUE.

In September, 1865, the 3 schillinge appeared rouletted 11½ like the other values. The original plate of 1856 was used so that the stamps have smaller margins than those of the 5sch of the last issue which were printed in sheets of 100. A supply consisting of 800 sheets, or 96,000 stamps was delivered

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THE STAMPS OF MECKLENBURG-STRELITZ

By B. W. H. POOLE.

The grand-duchy of Mecklenburg-Strelitz adjoins that of Mecklenburg Schwerin. Its industries, people, and geographical formation are similar to that of its sister duchy, while its capital is Neu-Strelitz. It has but one vote in the Imperial Federal Council and sends only one member to the Imperial Diet. The existing duchy dates from 1701, the title of grand-duke being acquired in 1815. At the time its postage stamps were issued its ruler was the Grand Duke Frederick William, then a child four years of age.

ITS PHILATELIC HISTORY.

Until October, 1864, the postal affairs of the tiny Grand-duchy of Mecklenburg-Strelitz were managed by the Thurn and Taxis administration. It then, if somewhat tardy in making up its mind to do so, decided to issue stamps of its own and the order for these was given to the Prussian State Printing Office at Berlin. The currency was a mixed one, as both that of the thaler of its sister grand-duchy divided into 48 schillinge was in use, and that in which it was divided into 30 silbergroschen. A series of six different stamps was issued five of these having the values denoted in silbergroschen while the other had its value expressed as 1 schilling. The latter was intended for local letters only while the other denominations took the place of the similar values which had been used under the Thurn and Taxis administration.

The rates of postage on single letters were as follows:—Up to 10 miles, 1 silbergroschen; From 10 to 20 miles, 2 silbergroschen; Over 20 miles, 3 silbergroschen. Local, or "drop", letters were 1 schilling, the registration fee was 2 schilling, and special delivery cost 3 silbergroschen. Printed matter within the confines of the duchy was charged at the rate of ¼ silbergroschen per loth, while for other places within the German-Austrian Postal Union the rate was ⅓ silbergroschen. The computation of the postal charges must have been difficult at times for some of the rates were expressed in schillinge and some in silbergroschen and, as we have shown in the case of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, the two currencies were somewhat difficult to reconcile. The stamps had but a short life for on January 1st, 1868, they were superseded by the general issue for the North German Confederation.

THE STAMPS.

The stamps were first issued on October 1st, 1864, and of the six values comprised in the set three were of one design and three of another. The central design on the ¼ sgr, ⅓ sgr and 1 schilling consists of a rectangle of solid color on which the Arms of Mecklenburg, a bull's head on a shield surmounted by a grand-ducal coronet, are embossed in white. On the frame the inscriptions are shown in colored letters on an engine turned ground, while in each of the four corners the numerals of value are shown in white on square blocks of solid color. The inscriptions are "MECKLENB." on the left, "STRELITZ" on the right, "EIN VIERTEL" or "EIN DTITTEL" on the top for the ¼sgr and ⅓sgr respectively, and "SILB. GR." at the bottom for these two values. On the 1 schilling the top frame shows "EIN" and the bottom one "SCHILLING". On the other three values the centre is similar but is on a solid oval ground. The frame around this is octagonal in shape with inscriptions on an engine turned ground. These are "MECKLENB. STRELITZ" at the top and the value in words at the bottom. In the centre, at each side, numerals of value are shown on small uncolored ovals.

The stamps were all embossed in color on plain white wove unwatermarked paper at the Prussian State Printing Office. They were printed in sheets of 100, ten rows of ten, with the side margins numbered 1 to 10 corresponding with the horizontal rows. All were rouletted 11½.

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Reference List.

Oct. 1st, 1864. Embossed. Rouletted 11½.

1. ¼sgr orange, Scott's No. 1 or No. 1a.
2. ⅓sgr green, Scott's No. 2.
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6. 3sgr bistre, Scott's No. 6.

REMAINDERS.

The grand-duchy having joined the North German Confederation, a notice dated December 17th, 1867, announced that on and after January 1st, 1868, the stamps of the Confederation would be substituted for those of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. The remainders were sold in 1868 to a merchant in Neu-Strelitz but no details appear to have been published regarding the numbers in the lot or the price paid for them. All the stamps of Mecklenburg-Strelitz are considerably rarer used than unused and specimens with forged cancellations are, therefore, by no means uncommon.

None of the stamps of this grand-duchy have ever been reprinted.

GREECE CLOSES OFFICES IN CRETE.

We learn from Athens that the Greek Government has notified France and other Powers that their offices in Crete must be closed down from April 1, 1914.

It is now more than probable that all foreign offices within the territories annexed by Greece, Servia, etc., will be requested to follow the example of Crete.

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LISBON FESTIVAL STAMPS.



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"Why, the great English philatelist, him as were here in 1906. I niver shall forget his visit thin. I remimber I says to him, I says, Mr——, Mr——, what's that's his name, Finnerty?" says Undooley.

"Pankhurst?" says Finnerty.

"No, no!" says Undooley. "I says, now——what'd yer say his name was?"

"Jack Johnson," ventured Finnerty.

"Hivins no!" says Undooley.

"I hav it, it's Melville. I says, Melvy, me lad, hav wan on me, and he says, thanking you the same, I canna, I hav just had two on Wylie—two quarts of water!"

"It's a wonder he came back, after that," says Finnerty. "Is he a great writer?"

"Great!" says Undooley, "he's immense. Some av thim think him the greatest English author."

"Sure an' I thought Shakspere were the greatest wan in England, him an' Nat Gould."

"Shakspere's dead these hundred years or more," says Undooley.

"You're mistaken," says Finnerty, "he hav a new play coming out nixt week in New York."

"Finnerty, no doubt ye believe all ye reads in the papers, but the best authorities says Shakspere is dead, and I refuse to argue the question, but ye can bet Melville is a live wan," says Undooley.

"What for is he coming?" asked Finnerty.

"To represent the Junior Philatelists an his books at the World's Exhibition in N. Y., to see his old friends, that's me, and to get ideas for some more books," says Undooley.

"I thought the World's series were over," says Finnerty.

"That's baseball," says Undooley, "I refer to the great sthamp exhibit in N. Y., where they are going to hav ivery kind av a sthamp that were iver born, from thim that were made to carry letters to thim that were meant for fishing.

"Fishing," says Finnerty, "I don't understand you."

"Why, to catch suckers wid," says Undooley.

"Are there many suckers who wud bite at anything in the stamp world?" asked Finnerty.

"We all are," says Undooley, "except the dealers an' wan other."

"Who's the wan other?" asked Finnerty.

"Parker Brown," says Undooley.

"Spaking of books, what did Melville iver write:" asked Finnerty.

"Well, he wrote 'How to start a Philatelic Society'," says Undooley.

"Hivins," says Finnerty, "if I wanted to start a philatelic society I wud use dynamite. I think that wud start 'em some."

"An' he wrote 'How to Photograph Sthamps,'" says Undooley.

"How to photograph sthamps—I shud think that wud be aisy enough. Sure, they kape still don't they?" says Finnerty.

"I don't know about that," says Undooley, "but I think the young feller gives them chloroform before he snaps thim."

"I guess I'll take Melville round a bit if ye'll introduce me," says Finnerty.

"Where wud ye take him?" asked Undooley.

"Well, I wud take him to some places your friend Wylie *didn't* take him to. I'd take him through Van Nostrand's Brewery, and to the Hod Carriers' Annual Ball, and to see the 'Hibernian Guards' drill, and let him put on the gloves wid me friend O'Flanigan, though I think O'Flanigan wud knock his dommed head off, but give the lad a little fun, I say, and thin I'd take him down to the Club and let him into a little game if he had any sporting blood in him, and maybe he'd have to walk home."

"What Club's that, Finnerty?" asked Undooley.

"The Midnight Howlers," says Finnerty.

"That's where the Englishman was kilt last week?" asked Undooley.

"The police couldn't prove it," says Finnerty.

"I think he'd prefer a little quiet before he goes to N. Y.," says Undooley, "instead of trapeezing round wid a wild Irishman like you."

"That's it," says Finnerty, indignantly. "I wud like to show the lad a little rale life and you—I suppose you wud arrange a programme something like this:—Rise at six g. m., a light breakfast of a grape nut, a swallow of tea and a soft-boiled Beverly egg, thin a stroll on the common, close yer eyes whin the sparrows take a bath, a short call at the New England Sthamp Morgue to *see Lyons*—not a *Sea Lyon* but to see Lyons—write an eddytorial for the N. E. Sthamp Monthly wid the aid of anesthetics, thin over to Drews' to see Drew re-arrange his office, which he does ivery week, an' thin down to Beals' an buy the lad a pound of Beals' best mixture—for the furnace—an' over to Billy Aldrichs' to see the handsomest man in the stamp business, an' by this time he'd be ready for a glass of milk and a bun, and thin—most reckless av all—down to the Kast Building to slape it off wid Wylie. Ain't that a divil av a programme for a great big husky Briton. I'll bet ye Undooley he'd enjoy a scrap wid the gloves, or going through a brewery—an' going slow too—more than that slush."

"Finnerty," says Undooley, "this is a Philatelist that's coming, not a pugilist, and, what's more, he hav no bad habits."

"Is that so?" says Finnerty, "thin he better git some or he'll be lonesome in N. Y. If he's as tame as ye make him out to be the gun men will git him sure."

"Well, I dunno but what ye are partly right," says Undooley, "and I wonder how it wud do for ye an' me an' a few of the lads to give him a little dinner down at the 'Sorrento' or 'Leveronis.'"

"A good idea," says Finnerty, "but instead of a dago dinner why not a rale old Irish feed at the Jefferson House."

"Begorra, I'll think that over," says Undooley.

"Don't think about it too long because that Melville man is one av thim chaps who is 'here to-day and there tomorrow,' and the first thing ye know he's over in N. Y. waking up the dead wans over there," says Finnerty.

"I won't," says Undooley, "I'll get busy at once."

"From what ye tell me," says Finnerty, "I shud say he were a foine chap. 'Most good enough to be Irish."

"Well, I won't go as far as that," says Undooley, "but he certainly is all right, and I'm glad he kim back."

"Well," says Finnerty, "I must be going, but spake a good word for me whin ye see him."—*Stamp Lover.*

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They All Say It—In an English paper, the largest dealer in London says, regarding prices of British colonials: "We propose to weed out all poor copies from our stock books, and to price really superb copies at an advance on catalogue quotations. These new prices will be copied into the new catalogue of British colonials, which we shall commence upon in the spring, for publication upon the exhaustion of the present edition." The rises will not be sensational ones but measured and justifiable. The argument is that for some time past, a large part of the attention that usually was given to British colonial stamps has been deflected to European and South and Central American issues; and the consequence was that the demand for British colonials was about stationary with little change in catalogue prices, year by year. Indications are not lacking that British colonials are due for a fuller share of appreciation; and advanced prices will follow. In the course of a letter before us from Mr. Freeman Putney, Jr., manager of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company, we read: "It will interest you, perhaps, to know that there has been a decided awakening of interest in British colonials this winter, as evidenced not only by the retail trade bit in the last few auction sales." We may add that for the past year, Mr. Putney has not hesitated to express his belief publicly that British colonials are on an ascending scale.

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Lots To Learn—This letter has come from Mr. A. N. Reggio: "I have noted a good deal of discussion about the issues of National, Continental and American Bank Note Companies in the WEEKLY. These most interesting printings certainly offer a wide field for research. What I want to know is: Who printed a certain stamp I have? It is a one-cent dark blue, thick dark brown gum, no secret mark, thick porous paper and yet 'snappy.' An expert told me it was 'American,' yet the American Bank Note Company did not use the thick dark brown gum. If the American Bank Note Company used the National Bank Note Company's plates, why is this not recorded in the Standard Catalogue?" A thick brown gum is characteristic of the National product, it is true, but the gum test alone is not absolute proof of identity. We hope that soon the cataloguers will make note of the existence for instance of Continental imprint stamps, printed by the American Bank Note Company on soft paper, as a protective measure. There is much to learn further of the printings of United States stamps, 1870 to 1882, it is needless to add.

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A Break in China—Our old friend, Bill Bloss, sends us the following information regarding Chinese revenue stamps surcharged, which is important if true,—and our guess is that it is true: "I am advised by my correspondent in Peking, China, Mr. John Ke-Chi Sun, of the following facts about these stamps. 'The characters stamped on the revenue stamps are to show that the stamps are sold from the post office and are not a kind of surcharge at all. I can hardly believe, so far as I know, that these revenues were ever used for postage. If so, I will be glad to purchase one on an original cover for you. The reason that Scott's 1914 catalogue lists these as postage stamps is, as I see, because there is one character stamped on these revenues meaning 'Post,' but not 'Postage.'' I have reason to believe that Mr. Sun is well informed on these stamps as he has always impressed me as a keen student." The stamps under notice, three in number, may be found in the "addenda" of the 1914 catalogue.

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The New Stamp Meter—The description of the Pitney Postage Stamp Meter in our issue of February 21st has attracted some attention; and from Mr. Robert A. Turner, we have received a copy of the *Addressograph-er* for February, which contains an account with illustrations, of the Pitney machine. The description of the machine and its operations is more thorough than our reference two weeks ago; and we learn that the invention was suggested to H. S. Collins and Arthur H. Pitney, so long ago as 1901, when they were working together in the office of a large Chicago firm, in consequence of repeated "leakages" in the postage stamp account. The company that is promoting the Pitney Meter is undertaking an intelligent campaign to achieve its object and we shall hear more of the activities of the company, it is safe to say.

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The Black Band—We have been shown by Mr. Milson J. Luce, a two-cent stamped envelope, current issue, cut square, with a black band five millimeters wide along the outside edges. Unquestionably, this band of mourning is of private inspiration as the authorities have not issued a mourning envelope. However, it would be a considerate act, we think, on the part of the department to issue a stamped envelope in mourning.

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Practical Postmark—From Mr. R. A. Jonscher we have received the following letter: "I beg to bring to your attention, as of possible interest, the following postmark from Chile, which has just come to my notice. It is a reminder from the postal authorities of that country that the delivery of letters would be expedited if a little more care was taken in addressing them. Just to the left of the regular postmark of Santiago is the inscription in five lines: 'Important! !—In Replying, Do Not Fail—To Indicate My Residence—Street & Number, Or My—P. O. Box. It is Important! !'" Chile's postal enterprise is on a par with that of Mexico with its weather prophecy postmark. It is not necessary to dwell upon the growing tendency to utilize the postmark as a circulation medium, as latterly, evidence constantly is at hand showing how it is employed for publicity purposes. If one ponders upon the possibilities of postmark advertising, a conviction may be felt that governments generally in time will depend upon the postal marking for the dissemination of important announcements or regulations regarding postal business and who knows, what else.

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Errors in Postmarks—Pursuing the subject of postal markings, Rev. L. C. Walter, writes: "Errors in stamps are not uncommon occurrences but I wonder whether any one has noted errors in U. S. postmarks. About the first of June, 1902, the post office at Oklahoma, Okla., for a few days used a canceling stamp reading 'Oaklahoma.' While this is not strictly about stamps, it is of such a near-philatelic nature that it may be interesting." In the past, we have recorded oddities or transpositions in postmarks but this is the first time that we have seen a palpable mis-spelling or one that seems to have been due to downright ignorance rather than carelessness. This exhibit is on a par with the spelling, "doller" that has been seen on counterfeit surcharged British Columbia. Postmarks "June 31," "9109," etc., have been shown us at different times; and we have the five-cent green, Confederate, first issue, used on the cover and plainly postmarked, Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 27, 1861. As the first general issue, Confederate stamps were not issued until October or so, 1861, the year on the postmark in question should have been 1862. As a rule, entire dependence may be placed upon the correctness of a postmark but so that we may not regard the marking as infallible, a glaring exception to the rule is provided, now and then.

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—We have received from Eugene Androchowitz a schedule of the parcel post rates in Canada, and also a 1c Brockville, Ont., precancel.

—Vol. I, No. 1 of the *Berkshire Philatelist* reaches us from Reading, Pa. H. A. Benner is the editor and a sample copy can no doubt be obtained upon request.

—In the Washington *Post* of Monday, Feb. 23, appeared a very finely displayed full page advertisement of H. F. Colman, the well known Washington dealer. It was illustrated with cuts of stamps and all in all was a striking production. We trust it may prove a profitable venture.

—We are indebted to Russell L. Stultz for a bunch of no less than sixteen clippings, many of which deal with the parcel post service, which occupies a very prominent place in the press of our country.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Walter Maddock, Chas. Beamish (2), D. G. Kelley, Herman W. Boers (5).

—A rate card showing the rates of postage on parcels mailed in the Province of Quebec under the new parcel post law is sent us by Louis C. Carrier of the Quebec Stamp Exchange.

—We are intebted to F. C. Rohrbach, and J. M. Overfield for back numbers of the WEEKLY asked for.

—L. A. Beebe submits documentary evidence that Frank L. Cook, giving as his address, Pendleton, Ind., is a fraud. A registered letter sent him was returned marked "Moved—Address unknown." A clerk in the Pendleton Post Office writes Mr. Beebe that all the references given by Cook are fraudulent, no such parties residing in the town. This man Cook has been previously reported by us.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Rochester (N. Y.), Philatelic Association was held Wednesday evening, Feb. 25th, at the Club Rooms. A. J. Ludolph showed his collection of unused U. S. and Colonies. An auction sale was held, the stamps entered being owned solely by members. It was voted to hold a series of competitive exhibitions, the best two drawing prizes. The first one will be held at the next meeting, Mar. 25th, the subject being any country in Europe. All members are earnestly requested to enter this competition. Stamps do not have to be remounted. They can be shown in album just as arranged by owner.—L. L. ALBRIGHT.

—After an enforced absence from our columns for a number of months due to the fact that he was away from Egypt, Felix Cohen is now advertising with us and we have no hesitancy in recommending him to our readers. Dealers desirous of opening trade relations will find him thoroughly reliable.

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UNITED STATES.—Maitland Milliken shows us a letter from the Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General, returning a small remittance, and stating as follows: "The official post card of the Postal Savings System is for use only in the transaction of postal savings business, and is duly accounted for by all authorized agents so as to enable the Department to determine the amount of mail matter that is handled by the postal service on account of the Postal Savings System. Their use for any other purpose is not authorized."

AUSTRALIA.—Bright & Son have shown us some new stationery of the Kangaroo type.

Envelope.
1d carmine on white.
Post Card.
1d carmine on white.

J. N. Morse calls attention to the change made in the above card, the inscription in small type reading: "The left half of this side may be used for correspondence" without the period.

BERMUDA.—New cards are at hand from Bright & Son, with portrait of King George.

Post Cards.
½d blue green on buff.
1d carmine on buff.

BULGARIA.—Mr. Schachne has shown us the new postal card for domestic circulation. It has a dividing line on face and, at left, two lines for sender's address.

Post Card.
5s green on greenish.

CANADA.—Maitland Milliken has shown us new cards from Canada, including a 1c ordinary and 1c advertising, with portrait of King George.

Post Cards.
1c blue green on buff.
1c carmine on buff.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—Hermann Focke and J. A. Galbraith send us specimens of the 1sh black on green and 10sh on green and carmine on green, as noted in No. 1201. Both on tinted paper with white back.

CEYLON.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* notes that the 1r King George stamp is being printed on the yellow tinted paper.

DENMARK.—The latest received entires of this country are reported by Mr. Schachne.

Post Cards.
3ö gray on cream; dividing line on face.
5ö green on cream; dividing line on face.
Letter Card.
5ö green on gray; perf. A one line of instructions at bottom.

DUTCH INDIES.—*The London Philatelist* chronicles further values in the New Colonial type as chronicled in No. 1197.

Adhesives.
17½c red brown.
20c emerald green.
22½c deep orange.
25c mauve.
30c dark blue.

ECUADOR.—The 1s of the current issue has at last come to light, though the early values in the series appeared in 1911. The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* says that the stamp has the portrait of Borrero.

Adhesive.
1s green and black.

FRENCH MOROCCO.—Mr. Schachne has received the postal cards with the new Arabic surcharges.

Post Cards.
10s on 10c blue and red on greenish.
10x10s on 10x10c blue and red on greenish.

GREECE.—Bright & Son have shown us new post and letter cards, with stamp of the Military Occupation, Scott's A29.

Post Card.
10l carmine on bluish.
Letter Card.
10l carmine on blue.

HONDURAS.—Dr. Roy F. De Sart reports two new provisionals on the new lithographed stamps, in the same type as the "1 cent" on 2c, noted in No. 1206.

Provisional Adhesives.
"5 cent" on 6c dark violet.
"10 cent" on 2c red.

INDIA.—*Cochin.*—Bright & Son have shown us a new card for this state.

Post Card.
2p rose on white.

LIBERIA.—Robert Haynes reports the recent provisional, 8c on 3c, imperforate and part perforated vertically.

NEW ZEALAND.—Bright & Son have shown us a new registration King George envelope.

Registration Envelope.
3d brown on cream; inscription in blue.

NICARAGUA.—Some time since Hermann Focke reported the preparation of a new set of postage stamps for Nicaragua in the new "Cordoba" currency, and is to-day in a position to give full particulars about the same. The set will consist of 12 values as follows: ½c blue, 1c green, 2c red, 3c terracotta, 4c vermilion, 5c dark blue, 6c dark brown, 10c yellow, 15c violet, 20c navy blue, 25c orange yellow, and 50c sky blue. The values of ½c, 1c, 3c, 5c, 15c and 25c will have as a vignette the "Palacio Nacional-Managua," and the values of 2c, 4c, 6c, 10c, 20c and 50c the "Catedral de Leon." There will be furthermore a complete set of the same values, all printed in the color of the 50 centavos —sky blue—with a black surcharge "Oficial" for official use, these stamps being printed from the same plates as the postage stamps. As the issue in Nicaragua of the foregoing stamps will be deferred for several months yet, we may look forward to further provisionals in the meantime.

W. F. Gregory sends us specimens of the ½c and 1c provisionals, surcharged on the 15c on 35c Mountains, Cordoba stamp, previously chronicled.

PORTUGAL.—Bright & Son send us new envelopes of the Ceres type.

Envelopes.
¼c olive brown on greenish yellow granite.
½c black on white; small with tuck.

SERVIA.—According to Mr. Schachne, a new international postal card has just been issued of this country.

Post Card.
10pa red on cream.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Bright & Son send us a new card, with portrait of King George; small size.

Post Card.
1c green on buff.

LOOK OUT FOR HURLEY.

Charles S. Osgood informs us that James H. Hurley of Providence, R. I., sent him a check with an order for stamps, but the check when offered at the Providence bank was returned marked "No funds". Hurley is not on our mailing list and as yet we are unable to give any information concerning him. He gave a P. O. box address.

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COMMUNICATION.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.

To the Editor:

It appears that my friendly advice to stamp collectors regarding the purchase of St. Helena stamps, the 4d and 6d of the Postage & Revenue issue, as reproduced in No. 1207 (page 62) of your esteemed paper has caused a storm of excitement, amongst dealers because they see themselves deprived of a nice profit, and amongst collectors because they had already purchased the stamps at the higher prices before my note of warning was sounded.

I have consequently received letters and verbal requests to furnish the stamps or to name the dealer who was willing to dispose of his stock of recent importation at regular new issue values, and have, of course, not been able—with one laudable exception—to "furnish the goods."

My letter was dated, if I remember, in the first week of this month, since when nearly all philatelic papers have brought advertisements of these specific two "birds" at sky-high prices, and the dealers in question stepped in line and made hay while the sun was shining, and who will blame them? But the very fact that the stamps are offered from all quarters is the best proof of my contention, that the stamps are not so scarce as dealers would like us to believe, and I still maintain the opinion that collectors will feel sorry that they purchased the stamps "at any price."

On the other hand I have been blamed by dealers that I had caused mischief, and they ask me to modify my previous statement, which I am willing to do to the extent that "the stamps cannot now be bought at the low figures quoted three weeks ago."

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In a number of the German papers we find reproductions of the paper read by F. Genth at the 25th German Philatelists' Day, at Hannover, on August 17th on the subject: "As it is, as it is not, and as it might be"—a subject which manifestly opens the way to a multiplicity of criticism. Mr. Genth enters at length upon a number of drawbacks of philately, many of which are a menace to philately in this country as well as on the Continent of Europe. We quote a short extract from his paper on a fault found in many American collectors:

"Imagine a collector who has only recently begun to collect stamps. Imagine that he has joined a philatelic society and that he brings his album to a meeting of the society to give his colleagues a look at it. Probably all of them at first examine the collection in silence. Suddenly someone discovers a stamp with a slight tear; immediately he observes: 'Why, that stamp has a tear.' Before long another one finds that some stamp is canceled too heavily. A third one thinks it necessary to direct attention to the fact that one stamp has a perforation missing on one corner. Our poor beginner who was all swelled up in the fond thought of possessing a nice collection becomes more and more discouraged, until finally he packs up his album and runs away. That's the way it is in most cases, and yet it could easily be entirely different. Why must one discourage the beginner? Is it so difficult to enter upon his thoughts? Couldn't he be brought by tactful instructions to the point of recognizing his defects himself? To recognize the weak points of your collection yourself is not nearly as discouraging as to have others turn up their noses at every trifle."

We applaud these sentiments and confess that we have always lived up to them by praising young collectors for the few nice stamps they had rather than hurting their feelings by pointing out the torn and dirty specimens. Give them time; they will soon acquire a higher esthetic standard.—*P. J. of A.*

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THE NEW AUSTRALIAN STAMPS.

The fact that the new King George penny stamps were not put on sale until the 9th ultimo prevented us last month from commenting on some discreditable procedure therewith.

Concurrently with the placing on sale of the portion of stamps allotted to this State an order was issued, so as to check any attempt to corner the issue by dealers, that no person would be allowed to purchase more than six stamps at a time. This led to a most unseemly rush at the various post offices, for the very fact of the restriction caused the appearance of a large number of speculators, and in this instance it would have been difficult to draw the line between a collector, a dealer and a legitimate postal user. If the regulation was only aimed at those dealers who carry on a regular business then it was a piece of impertinent interference.

It would suit the Postmaster General better if he would mind his own business, and leave the dealers to mind theirs. Apparently he has more than enough to do to conduct the affairs of the Postal Department without descending to such petty acts as the one complained of. Indeed, it looks like as if the Postmaster General had decided to go into the business himself as a stamp dealer, and feared competition.

We repeat a former assertion that the stamps should never have been issued at all, seeing that such a small number were available. We do not accept the statement that all the printing presses were occupied with other work. This is all bosh! We fancy there was another reason.

Why were four plates of 120 stamps each prepared and printed from. The following is, we believe, the true answer. The plates cannot be hardened in Melbourne, and it was feared one plate would wear out before a sufficient number of sheets were printed from it. One million stamps with 120 on each plate means 2,000 impressions a plate. If the Postmaster General issues any more it is because it has been found the plates will stand more wear or possibly new plates have been prepared in the same manner as previously. Otherwise why not go on printing indefinitely? Why limit the issue to a million only.

We must confess the whole affair is inexplicable. The design has been well engraved (a little coarse, perhaps). It would have been an easy matter to have had electros prepared from it, a large stock could have been put on sale, and the matter would have ended there, so far as the issue of a stamp bearing the portrait of His Majesty was concerned. If the desire was to get better plates from England they could have been substituted when ready, and many people (the ordinary public) would probably not have recognised any difference. The whole procedure seems to have been the result of a whim.

If the Postmaster General carries out his announced intention of issuing another million stamps he will now incur the anathemas of those fortunate collectors (?) who secured many lots of six (we have seen some complete sheets which were bought at sub-post offices) and were made to realise that they have been fooled into the belief that they were buying sovereigns at 6d apiece, when they were only helping to swell the Commonwealth Exchequer.

Surely the Government cannot be so hard up that they must resort to such a childish means of making the postal department show a balance on the right side. This suspicion is accentuated by reason of the announcement in the daily press recently to the effect that "complete sets of the current issue of Commonwealth postage stamps, lightly postmarked, may be purchased on application at the General Post Office, Sydney, at a cost of 10sh per set. The stamps include 15 denominations (½ to £2) of the kangaroo design and the new issue, King's head, one penny." One of our friends was very much disgusted, however, to find that the 10sh, 20sh and £2 were overprinted "specimen," and not postmarked at all. Even if they had been, we deny the right of the postal authorities to sell stamps in such a manner, and we very much doubt if in doing so they are not transgressing the postal act.

When deciding to put on sale only one million of the King George penny stamps the Postmaster General was evidently not acquainted with the fact that the philatelic authorities at home have ruled that stamps with a limited issue are barred, and we should not be surprised to learn that such a decision had been arrived at in this instance, and that the stamps were denied catalogue rank. They can hardly be recognised as a provisional issue, for there was no actual postal necessity for them. The despised kangaroos are still on sale, and the printing of them goes on merrily.

The whole business has an air of mystery about it. It calls for a more candid explanation than has been vouchsafed hitherto. Bad and all as previous Postmaster Generals may have been, they never descended to such execrable methods as have now been adopted. We trust, however, that there will never be a recurrence of them, that the Postmaster General will see the error of his ways, and that he will make an effort hereafter to maintain the dignity of his position.

We have no particular fault to find with the new stamp. The artist cut the die in a workmanlike manner, and His Majesty's portrait is very pleasing. The "hydrangeas" in the top corners look out of place (they have not been engraved deeply enough to stand much wear), but whoever saw a kangaroo with its tail coming out in front between its legs? As to the printing there are apparently already several shades, but as the million stamps were, we presume, printed without intermission, it can hardly be imagined that different inks were used; and we take it therefore that the so-called shades were produced by all the plates not being wiped alike, leaving more ink on some than others. The perforating was done in a very amateurish fashion, and reflects very little credit on the Commonwealth Stamp Printing Department. The reason these stamps were printed on unwatermarked paper is that the watermarked paper now in use is previously gummed, and it is impossible to print stamps by the engraving process on paper already gummed, for it has to be damped. It may be explained that the reason they were perforated on single line machines is that the stamps being a trifle larger would not fit the triple cutters, and either the permanent King George stamps will have to be altered in size to fit the "comb" perforating machines and the watermarked paper, or the perforators will have to be readjusted, and new paper will have to be prepared. The watermark is the greatest safeguard against fraud, and we would counsel the postal authorities to avoid the use of plain paper when possible.

We wish most sincerely that postage stamps and politics could be severed altogether. It is a matter for regret that the former were ever allowed to get mixed up with the latter. One would expect something very different from a liberal high-minded government. It is all very well to talk of loyalty and the maintenance of the Empire, but all the loyalty that is made manifest on a mere postage stamp is not much to brag about. The portrait of His Majesty merely intimates to the world at large that Australia is a part of the British Empire, but nothing more.

For some years Australia has been the "butt" of British and foreign philatelists, and we are afraid the recent farces will prove "the last straw." Collectors should know that the present Postmaster General's actions are certain to bring the stamps of this country into further bad repute, and they should resent being held up to ridicule.

The Prime Minister stated in Parliament the other day that it was the intention of the Government to put the whole of the postal and telegraphic services under a commission. It is to be hoped that after the commissioners are appointed they will see to it that postage stamps are issued in a befitting manner for postal purposes only, and that they will not employ the clap-trap methods now in vogue.

We have written very strongly on the above subjects, but our excuse is that we feel ashamed of our country and of the indignities to which it has been subjected, hence we feel it our duty to enter a protest.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

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Four issues of one cent stamps and six issues of two cent stamps have appeared to date in book form. The early issues include nine distinct varieties and in the later issues twelve varieties may be obtained so that the total number of distinct varieties is about one hundred, comprising differences in design, watermark and the various plate lines and plate numbers.

The first stamps issued in this form were the 2c Series of 1895 which appeared in 1900. Melville's handbook gives April 16th as the date of issue although in the annual report of the Post Office Department for 1906 Edwin C. Madden who was then Third Assistant, refers to this matter in this sentence: "The total profit on the whole number of books issued in the six years and three months since they were introduced is $418,881.17." The report is dated December 13, 1906 which indicates a minor discrepancy in the matter of dates. The collector is not greatly concerned with this detail except as a matter of passing interest. The records of the department do not discriminate between the stamps issued in books and the ordinary series except in the later reports so there is no manner in which reliable figures may be obtained to show the number of stamps issued in this form. This is another detail that is of secondary interest. It is known that these early issues are difficult to obtain and for that reason they command rather a high price, which is another illustration of the fact that the seemingly unimportant variety of today which may be purchased at any post office is the same one for which we pay a substantial premium a few years after it has become obsolete. The right time to collect these things is while they are current issues. Aside from the ordinary pleasures derived from the ownership of these stamps, if they are purchased while they are current one has the comfortable feeling that the investment is one which is always worth the amount expended.

The next stamp issued in book form was the 2c flag type of the Series of 1902. This issue was current for a period of about nine months and is a scarce variety. The date of issue is February 11, 1903, and it was current until the early months of 1904 at which time it was replaced by the well known and fairly common "shield type" of the 2c Series of 1903, which had been issued on November 18, 1903.

While there are no reliable data on the number of stamps printed from the booklet plates and no comparison can therefore be made between the relative scarcity of these first two issues, by this method we can get an approximate idea from the fact that for the earliest issue, that of the 2c 1895, a total of twenty special plates were manufactured and for the 2c "flag type" there were but sixteen. Assuming that all these plates were used until they became worn out, it will be seen that the "flag type" is somewhat scarcer than the earlier series but there is absolutely no safe basis for a positive opinion in the matter and therefore none is advanced. The 2c Series of 1903, "shield type" is at the present time obtainable for approximately double face. These stamps were current from the date of issue, November 18, 1903, up to the fall of 1909 and at that late date could be obtained in many post offices. During the six years that they were used, collectors as a rule seemed to overlook the fact that these booklet issues were of special interest as a side line for it seems that comparatively few were thoughtful enough to purchase a supply while they could be obtained at face. The present market for these things is very active and there are but two or three sources from which the stamps can be obtained in mint condition. Book panes of this issue with the plate numbers attached are selling for approximately fifteen times face value.

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These three issues of two cent stamps had been used for seven years before the demand for a one cent stamp in the booklet form was supplied. On March 6, 1907 the 1c Series of 1902 was issued in books of 24 stamps. These books were current for only a comparatively short time as they were superseded after a period of less than two years by the Series of 1908. Twenty eight plates were prepared for this first issue of the 1c in book form. More than one hundred and fifty plates of the three issues of the two cent stamps had been used before the first plate of the one cent stamp made its appearance and at the time that the Series of 1908 replaced the Series of 1902 the ratio of all the two cent plates that had been used to all of the one cent plated that had been used was about nine to one. In consequence of the delay in issuing these one cent stamps in book form and because of the relatively brief period in which they were available they are now scarce and are almost as hard to obtain as the scarce two cent stamps of the Series of 1895 and the "flag type" of 1902. While these stamps of the Series of 1908 were in current use, the plates from which the booklet stamps are printed were enlarged to print three hundred and sixty subjects at each impression where previous to this change, the number of subjects on each plate was but one hundred and eighty. The original plates were arranged nine rows "high" and twenty rows "wide" and the new plates, with twice this capacity, are the same "width" but twice as "high."

About forty plates were prepared for the 2c Series of 1908 and for the 1c stamp of the same series there were but about fifteen plates, so that it is evident that the 1c is the scarcer of the two. This is the fact as indicated by market prices because there are very few panes of the 1c for sale. This was undoubtedly a matter of neglect and carelessness on the part of the collectors and dealers because the stamps were current for over two years.

The size of the booklet plates was changed in May, 1909 and in October of the following year the paper with the single lined watermark made its appearance while the Series of 1908 were still current, so that this one set, the Series of 1908, was printed on plates of two sizes and the paper on which the latter were printed may be either the double lined or the single lined watermark. The size of the plates makes rather an important difference in one of the line varieties, eliminating the "center block" from the plates of three hundred and sixty subjects.

The 2c 1908 was issued on November 16, 1908 in stamp books and the 1c appeared in that form about two weeks later, the date being December 3, 1908. The first plate used for the 1c stamp books of this issue was No. 4867 and for the 2c of this issue, No. 4803.

These stamps were current and obtainable in many offices for about three years. They were superseded by the "numeral" issues of the Series of 1912 during that year. The 1c Series of 1912 was first issued in booklet form about February 8 or 10, 1912, and the 2c followed it within less than ten days after that date. The first plate from which the 1c was printed is plate No. 5741 and the first plate for the 2c is No. 5756.

At the time that this article appears these stamps will have been in use for a period of approximately two years. At the present time the previous issue is sold and has not been available for purchase at any post office during the present year with exception of the first few weeks of the year when they were obtainable at a few of the smaller offices which had overstocked.

A summary of the 1c booklet issues shows that there have been four issues comprising three different designs and with one of these, the Series of 1908, issued on two kinds of paper. Of these four varieties the rare one is the first issue but all of them except the current issue are difficult to obtain, especially the 1908 issue on the single lined watermark, which is called the "Series of 1911" by collectors.

The following table will be of value in the study of these stamps:

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Series.	*Issued.*	*Superseded.*	*Current.*
1c 1902	March, 1907	December, 1908	21 months
1c 1908 D. L.	December, 1908	October, 1910	20 months
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1c 1912	February, 1912	(Current issue)	....

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2c 1902 (Flag)	February, 1903	November, 1903	9 months
2c 1903 (Shield)	November, 1903	November, 1908	60 months
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2c 1911 S. L.	October, 1910	February, 1912	16 months
2c 1912	February, 1912	(Current issue)	....

Although the earliest issue was in use for nearly four times as long a period as the one immediately subsequent, the "flag type" of 1902, it is known that the "flag type" is at present about twice as easily obtained as the stamps of the first issue, although neither of them are plentiful.

This fact is due to a lack of interest, the absence of "specialists" and ignorance of the true value of the stamps. There was certainly no lack of material as the stamps could have been purchased at any post office.

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The least profit on the sale and distribution of one stamp book is approximately three quarters of one cent and from this modest margin the United States has derived a considerable sum of money as a result of the extensive sales of stamps in this form. The present yearly sales of the one cent stamp in books is over two hundred million stamps and of the two cent stamps, over three hundred million are sold in this form. That the relative sales of the one cent stamp are on a decided increase will be evident from the fact that only twenty-five million of the one cent were sold in 1907 while the sales of the two cent for that year were approximately eleven times as great, representing a money value of over twenty-two times that of the one cent. The ratio of money value has varied from 1 to 22 in 1907 to 1 to 3 in 1911, so the rapid increase of the sale of the 1 cent stamp is apparent. The total gain has been steady. In 1907 over one hundred and fifty million of the two cent stamps were sold in book form and in 1911 there were over two hundred million of them sold.

Numerous interesting minor varieties aside from the line varieties exist in the booklet issues. In laying out the plates it seems that the engravers are not as particular in erasing the layout lines as they are in the regular issues for any collection of twenty or thirty panes from these booklet issues will reveal traces of the layout lines remaining on the plate. A "center block" of the 1903 series shows a line running parallel to the vertical guide line the full distance of the three stamps.

(To be continued.)

CAUDELL'S KEY TO U. S. ENVELOPES.

The pioneer does not always get a tangible reward for opening a path in the trackless forest but he has the satisfaction of knowing that he is a benefactor to those who come after. The philatelic adventurer into new fields is a type of enthusiast for whom, frankly, we have a great admiration. There is nothing sordid about his calculations as a rule; and we are always glad to give his work, if possessing merit, a lift.

From the publisher, A. N. Caudell, 605 Keefer Place Northwest, Washington, D. C., we have received a pamphlet of about twenty pages, styled: "A Synoptic Key to the Catalogued Envelope Stamps of the United States." We read, further: "Being a system of alternates such as is used in Botany and Zoology in the determination of plants and animals, a system unique in Philately and so simple that a child can with accuracy determine the most difficult die of the United States envelopes." The feature of the book is the insert of a diagram, "Illustrated by a plate of 70 figures and a color strip of real envelope paper representing all colors used in their manufacture." Little may be added to the description given by the author; and with the "key for the separation of the envelope stamps of the United States," and the diagram before one, the search for the catalogue number of an envelope in hand, in Scott, 1914 edition, becomes a fascinating task. While we have not had time to thoroughly test the "key" yet we know that Mr. Caudell has every confidence in the value and precision of his work. All encouragement, say we, to this originator; and the envelope folks in particular should hail him with acclaim and rally to his support in all ways.

NEW NORWAY COMMEMORATIVES.

We read in *La Revue Philatelique Francaise* that the stamps commemorating the centenary of Norway's political severance from Denmark, which were announced for January of this year, will hardly be ready before April. The dies have been engraved at Vienna by the same artist who is the author of the current Austrian stamps, and the plates each bearing 50 impressions, have been manufactured by the Imperial and Royal State Printing Works, at Vienna. The stamps will be printed in *taille-douce* by the printing works of the National Bank at Christiania. As we have already stated in this column, there will be three values, 5, 10 and 20 ore, all reproducing a famous picture by the Norwegian painter, Oscar Wergeland, called "The National Assembly at Eidsvold." We, in common with the rest of the philatelic press, gave the title of the picture as "Oscar Wergeland taking the Oath of the Constitution," which was a confusion of terms.—*Postage Stamp.*

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Spring Styles—Some of the new issues are the most striking that have ever made philatelic history. The designs of the novelties from Egypt, Roumania and Turkey are pregnant with national and historical significance. We do not need to dwell upon the impression made upon collectors by the Egyptian and Turkish sets in particular, even though we hear of tremendous demands for the stamps by collectors of all classes. Today, anything that has an instructive value is apt to be appreciated and so, sets of beautiful stamps that have their historical suggestions are extraordinarily popular. While philately may not exactly be the hand-maiden of history, yet she can at least hold the mirror up to it.

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Anomalies—The Sonora provisionals continue to come to the United States and be delivered here with no impost of postage due in not a few instances; and it is problematical whether the protests of the Mexican consuls in several of the American cities will occasion inquiry into the alleged abuse. If a strict interpretation of the postal laws be made, the provisionals would not be recognized as having any postal validity outside of Mexico. The Sonora provisionals with postal power in the United States present a phase somewhat unusual and the philatelist of the future may be puzzled to account for their partaking of the courtesy of the mails in this country, with no markings on the envelopes to show that everything was not regular.

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Bavaria is Busy—Our correspondent, Mr. E. Lucas, in anticipating the appearance of the new Bavarian issue, which is to depict the old King as a youth and (on the mark values) as a veteran says that the printing process used for the stamps is being given much attention, as it may, if successful, revolutionize stamp making. It is a new application of one of the standard processes; and Mr. Lucas confirms statements regarding the new set that have been seen in several of our contemporaries. Mr. Lucas evidently did not know the particulars of the process which may radically change the present methods of stamp manufacture but we are sure to receive before long a description of the development in the printing of stamps.

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New Society—The stamp collectors of Kansas City have organized the new Kansas City Philatelic Society and the indications are that the society will have a long and distinguished career. A double-extra welcome to the K. C. P. S. and may the members have many a "stamp debauch" together as they plan to do. Among the names of the officers and organization committee, we espy that of W. C. Michaels, and hence our emphasis of the obvious: Time flies! as was not Mr. Michaels one of the faithful who stood guard at the convention of the American Philatelic Society held in St. Louis, on October 7th, 1889?

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Revenue Stamp Asides—A reader asks if there is any record of those proprietary revenues of the 1898 issue that were used, cut in half, on packages, as he has been told that there were a number of these provisionals "authorized." The proprietary issue of 1898 developed a number of unexpected turns to the stamp routine of the day. When the tax was levied on proprietary articles, beginning July 1, 1898, stamps were not available at some points; and so, from St. Louis came the typeset provisionals, or certificates to the effect that the tax was paid; and from Binghampton, New York, the "Dr. K. & Co." provisionals with different dates in July, 1898, surcharged on the adhesives, one to three cents, inclusive. By-the-way, any one interested in the Dr. Kilmer provisionals which are not catalogued as they were not authorized, although their use was allowed through sufferance, should obtain a copy of the leaflet of the exhaustive article on the subject that appeared in the WEEKLY several years ago. Harking back to the question about the halved proprietary stamps of the 1898 issue: There is no list as the use of stamps in such a condition was never permitted in the governmental sense. However, that splits were really pressed into service we know as we have seen them on packages, where they had been placed with no idea of any philatelic importance, it may be added.

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Make Your Own—We have heard complaints that sometimes peroxide of hydrogen did not "work" and that it had no effect on stamps that were palpably sulphuretted or changed in color. The fault must be charged against the peroxide; it could not have been fresh. We have all been told how peroxide of hydrogen performs its functions. The extra atom of oxygen that peroxide of hydrogen embraces is easily released and this oxygen attacks all elements or compounds for which it has an affinity. After the extra atom of oxygen escapes from the peroxide of hydrogen, (H_2O_2), the fluid becomes water, H_2O. The failure of tests with peroxide will be attributed to weakened or impaired liquid; and there is a risk of getting chemically impure material. The *Stamp Collector*, in commending peroxide of hydrogen, as a restoring agent, tells how it may be prepared so that a proper solution is available: "Buy some barium peroxide, ($Ba O_2$), and some strong, pure hydrochloric acid (H CL) from the chemist. Dilute some acid—1 of acid to 4 of water—and keep it in a glass-stoppered bottle for general use. Take, say a teaspoonful of the peroxide and place it in a glass vessel with a little water. Now take about ten tablespoonfuls of dilute acid and add it very slowly to the powder. Stir well and allow the mixture to stand for twenty minutes. Strain off the clear liquid and bottle it for use, keeping it in a cool place. The peroxide of hydrogen may best be preserved in a solution containing a small quantity of some acid or a little spirit of wine."

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Albanian Activity—Albania has shown the effects of war in a way to scourge the soul of the philatelist. Beginning with the June, 1913 issue, Turkey surcharged with the double eagle and "Shqipenies" inscription, there are nearly one hundred varieties with the latest issues, awaiting the attention of buyers, according to a German list just received. There is a new circular set, imperforate, with values, "apparently made with typewriter;" and a crude perforated set of local manufacture evidently, with central design of the Albanian double eagle. Speaking of the "Kastrioti" stamps of Albania, Alfred Smith & Son's *Monthly Circular* adds to our knowledge of national saviors, as follows: "Kastrioti is the national hero of the Albanians. From 1443 to his death in 1467 he upheld the independence of Albania against the Turks but the union that he had maintained in his country did not survive him, as his son, in 1474, sold the principality to the Venetians, by whom, four years later, it was re-sold to the Turks." No doubt, Philatelic Europe is interested in the Albanian issues much in the manner that we are in the Sonora stamps.

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STATE REVENUE STAMPS.

First Classification—Stamped Paper.

By FRANK L. APPLEGATE.

CHAPTER I.—*The Stamped Paper of Virginia.*

The stamped paper of Virginia which is embossed without color on various legal and commercial papers are very elusive. I have never seen any of them nor have I ever got in communication with any one who has any. The only reference to them that I have ever seen is in Sterling's Catalogue of United States Revenue Stamps.

The legislative act calling these stamps into existence was passed in February of 1813. It is a peculiar fact that later in the same year, namely, August 3, the Federal Congress passed a parallel act taxing the same documents, hence all such documents used after the latter date have both the state and the federal issues impressed therein. Strangely too, both designs are the same size.

Although we are not informed when this act was repealed by the legislature it seems to have been in force for a number of years, and was amended from time to time and new schedules adopted.

The values required by the acts were of twenty-three denominations as follows: 4, 6, 10, 12, 20, 25, 37, 45, 50, 70, 75, 95 cent, and $1.00, 1.20, 1.25, 1.45 1.50, 1.70, 1.75, 1.95, 2.00, 2.20 and 2.45. Of these fourteen values, 6, 12, 20, 37, 45, 50, 75, 95 cent, $1.00, 1.20, 1.25, 1.75, 2.00 and 2.45 only had been found up to the time that Mr. Sterling published his list.

Each and every variety is priced by him at $5.00 and I guess they are worth it. He divides the whole assortment into first and second issues, but admits that certain values common to both issues can only be determined by the watermark T. A. T. TAM in the document, undoubtedly of no signicance to any one but the paper makers.

All the impressions are 29x29 millimeters in size. While the designs vary somewhat they follow the same general plan of a branch of leaves and berries crossed by a feathered arrow, the word VIRGINIA in capital letters above, value in Roman numerals on one side, Arabic on the other, and in words below. The $2.45 consists of both the $2.00 and the 45 cent impressions on the same document, and some of the other unusual denominations may be formed in the same way but the rest of those which have been found have each their own design.

CHAPTER II.—*The Stamped Paper of Maryland.*

The act of the Maryland Legislature requiring the stamping of various documents, was first passed in 1845 and amended in 1846, 1847, 1848, 1850, 1858, 1860, 1862 and 1864, from which it would seem that the Maryland Stamped paper had quite a run of existence although the year of repeal is not given by Mr. Sterling, the only one who has ever catalogued them, at least to my knowledge.

The law calls for a set of thirteen values as follows: 10, 15, 25, 50, 75 cent, and $1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.50, 4.00, 5.50 and 6.00, all of which are now in existence. When Mr. Sterling wrote them up the $3.50, 4.00 and 6.00 values had not been found, but I now have these as well as all the others. Unfortunately they are all cut square, and it is impossible to tell just what kind of documents they were used on, but they seem to be legal papers, while a 10c entire document in my possession is a sight draft and a 50c a promissory note.

The design of all values is practically the same resembling the reverse of a U. S. dime. The value in the centre in words is surrounded by a wreath, tied below with a ribbon; around the wreath, STATE OF MARYLAND STAMP in capital letters. Below the ribbon is the word STABLER in very small capitals. The whole is surrounded by a milled outer circle. Stabler was the engraver of the dies. Unlike those of Virginia these dies increase in size with the increase of value, hence the following:

Embossed Without Color.

10c	19 mm. in diameter
15c	20 mm. "
25c	21 mm. "
50c	22 mm. "
75c	23 mm. "
$1.00	24 mm. "
$1.50	25 mm. "
$2.00	26 mm. "
$2.50	27 mm. "
$3.50	28 mm. "
$4.00	29 mm. "
$5.50	31 mm. "
$6.00	32 mm. "

These measurements do not all agree with those of Mr. Sterling but I have measured them very carefully and think them correct. Nearly all values are found on both white and bluish wove paper (Sterling calls it bond) varying somewhat in texture. Sterling lists the $1.25 on green bond paper, and I have the 25c on bluish laid paper. However, the quality of the paper may not have any more significance than of the various papers on which the various checks, etc., were printed during the Civil War period, when any one wanting a certain quantity of stamps impressed could take any kind of paper to the government agents and get them printed on.

A curiosity in my collection of Maryland is a $2.50 design impressed over a $1.50 one, the $2.50 being the plainer.

Judging from the length of time that the Maryland law was in force these stamped documents should be quite common but such does not seem the case. Mr. Sterling prices them from $1.00 to 3.00.

It is to be presumed that the great fire in Baltimore a few years ago destroyed lots of old files, etc., containing stamped paper. I have never seen any lots of Virginia or Maryland stamps in any auction catalogues, and have had very few Marylands offered me, and no Virginias.

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BELGIUM.—According to our foreign contemporaries, the 2c and 20c values have appeared without name of engraver. The 10c letter card has appeared with the large head and without name of engraver. *La Revue Philatelique Francaise* chronicles a new envelope.

Envelope.
10c red on white, gray inside.

CUBA.—The low values of the long promised new series for Cuba have appeared, specimens having been shown us by Hermann Focke and the New England Stamp Co. The stamps are nearly the size of the current stamps of the United States; that is, rather shorter and broader than the portrait series which is now superseded. The design shows a map of Cuba and the surrounding waters, extending from Florida to Panama and Yucatan to Hayti. The whole is drawn on so small a scale and the inscriptions are in such small type that the effect is dwarfed. "Republica de Cuba" runs across the top in a curved tablet, while the value in words appears in the frame at the side, and "Correos" at the bottom. The figures of value, tall and thin appear at the bottom in a widening of the frame. The stamps are perforated 12.

Adhesives.
1c green.
2c carmine.

A new special delivery stamp is to be issued shortly, with an aeroplane in place of the bicycle rider.

CYPRUS.—Hermann Focke has been informed by the Postmaster at Nikosia, under date of Feb. 14, that the 9pi, 18 pi and 45 pi of the Georgian set have not yet been printed, and that they are not likely to be issued before next year.

ERITREA.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung* says that the 10c stamp of the current issue of Italy has been issued with surcharge in black, "Colonia Eritrea" in Asmara. Strangely enough the printing works of Turin do not seem to know of this, therefore it is probably a local issue.

Provisional Adhesive.
10c brown-rose, surcharged "Colonia Eritrea"

FRANCE.—An international stamp for Customs duty on parcels sent through the mails has been proposed by the French Ministry of Finance, and has been accepted by the postal department, says the *Daily Telegraph*. Hitherto the Government has tolerated the sending by post into France of certain dutiable articles, such as lace, because the duty was really so small that it was supposed to be covered more or less by the postage. But since the duty on laces and similar fabrics has been considerably raised, the Ministry of Finance proposes a way of collecting it by creating a Customs stamp. The sender abroad will have to declare the value of the article enclosed in the mail, and affix the corresponding stamp. It is supposed that as the stamp will really be only slightly more than the ordinary postage, the senders will not hesitate to use it to escape the confiscation of the articles sent. The matter is to be proposed by the French authorities to the other members of the international postal union at the next annual congress.

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Adhesive.
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GREAT BRITAIN.—W. T. Wilson sends us a novelty from the Mother Country, the 6d King George in "rosy purple" with inverted watermark.

GREECE.—*Le Bulletin Philatélique* chronicles two more values in lithographic print.

Adhesives.
40l blue.
50l violet.

GUATEMALA.—According to the *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* the 3x3c foreign reply post card has been made available for interior use by surcharge in black "Servicio Interior." A correspondent says: "It has come to my knowledge that the existing remainder has been overprinted thus under the idea, which is probably not a mistaken one, that the cards might be more readily disposed of. On account of the cheap letter postage rate here, cards are hardly ever used for personal information. One prefers to write a short letter, or better still one sends a telegram, which is also ridiculously cheap. This arrangement of sending telegrams is extremely practical and would without doubt meet with approval, especially with the business world of Europe, if the rate would be reduced accordingly."

Provisional Post Card.
3+3c carmine, changed for inland use.

INDIA.—*Orcha.*—A new set similar to the 1900 design is reported by the *Philatelic Journal of India*.

Adhesives.
½a green.
1a carmine.

The 2a and 4a are to follow.

ROUMANIA.—*The Postage Stamp* publishes the quantities issued of the different values of the Commemorative stamps issued to commemorate the seizure of Silistria.

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ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* says that the 10 reis, green, Crown, design of 1881-85, has been overprinted locally, "Republica." 150 specimens have been issued thus.

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TONGA.—While in New Zealand our Mr. Smyth was struck by the fact that he saw in several collections two varieties of "Star" overprint on the penny stamps issued November, 1891. He was always under the impression that the correct star had a thick body and short rays, but there is another kind of star, which at least two or three collectors in Auckland maintain is quite genuine. Mr. Smyth noticed that it was exactly the same as the smaller stars on the Cook Island Federation stamps (see type 1 in Gibbons' catalogue). It will be noticed that these stamps were printed at the Government Printing Office, Wellington, and although he asserted that the overprints must have been applied there, it was stated that these stamps had been obtained at the chief post office, Nukualofa. Can any of our friends give a satisfactory explanation of this. One theory is that a demand for the stamps overprinted with stars having been created some time after the stock was sold out, it was decided to get a fresh supply. If such was the case, what is the status of the second type of star?—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

TURKEY.—This country has abandoned the rectangular stamps on its entires and has adopted the large circular stamps, similar to the impressed stamps of the envelope letter cards of Egypt. Mr. Schachne has shown us the first postal card of the new issue.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We are indebted to E. W. Osier and B. M. Randall for sending us back numbers of the WEEKLY.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Henry Jonas and Geo. H. thanks from Henry Jonas, Geo. H. Sleeper, Hilliard Dusang and L. A. Beebe.

—The Chesapeake Stamp Co. has just moved into a fine office in the Equitable Bldg., Baltimore.

—We made a mistake last week in including some 25c premium offers in the 10c lot. We make this public announcement for the benefit of certain new subscribers.

—Our rebus will be given attention next week. A large number of solutions was received.

—Can you spare your copy of the WEEKLY dated July 22, 1911? We need three copies and in exchange will send you some foreign stamp papers.

—"I have often been asked how I manage to keep my 'never been hinged' stamps in that condition and yet place them in my album. The method is simple but requires time and care. One needs celluloid envelopes. These may easily be cut to shape as the size of the stamp requires. It is impossible to hinge the celluloid case because the hinges will not fasten firmly to the celluloid. All you have to do is to slip a piece of paper in behind the stamp and fasten the hinge to this paper. The rest of the process is simple and the same as sticking ordinary stamps in an album. I have found these celluloid cases very satisfactory for they are a perfect guard against so much fingering to which stamps are often subjected."—(From a letter.)

—K. Baumann informs us that Plainfield, N. J., issued a set of precancelled stamps during the Christmas season, consisting of the values from 1c to 10c, of the current issue.

—Anyone interested in the stamps of Sonora should send for the March number of *Linn's Way*. No doubt a request accompanied with a stamp for postage would secure one.

—Dealers desiring a good wholesale list should write Bright & Son, 164 Strand, London, England. Their February, 1914 list is just at hand, pricing stamps singly, per dozen, hundred and thousand.

—Henry Drueze, giving address as Western Bank, St. Louis, Mo. applied to the International Stamp Co., Covington, O., for information in regard to original covers, but a letter addressed to him was returned marked "Not in directory," "Returned to writer unclaimed."

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 7.30 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 17, 1914.

The 308th (regular) and Anniversary Meeting of the Society was held at the Club Room this evening with President Barry in the chair and 38 members and friends present. President Barry made a short address of acceptance of the office to which he was elected while absent in January.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and an oral report of progress on matters referred to the Council was given by the Secretary. Mr. Dunning reported orally as Chairman of the Recruiting Committee. The Treasurer presented his monthly statement.

The names of Messrs. Chas. E. Beckwith and A. T. Comstock were proposed for membership.

The President spoke of the untimely and almost unknown death of our former Foreign Secretary, Philip Wolff, whom we re-elected in January, and appointed as a committee on resolutions to be drawn up, spread upon the records and forwarded to his family, Messrs. C. A. Howes, C. K. B. Nevin and L. L. Green.

Mr. Dunning spoke at length upon the use of the Bourse by our members.

Mr. Geo. L. Toppan, one of our older members and a former Secretary, was introduced by Mr. Batchelder and made a short address.

Mr. Batchelder introduced the guest of the evening, Mr. E. H. Mason, who talked very entertainingly to us of proofs and essays, and then exhibited part of his unrivalled collection of United States proofs and essays, the volumes shown containing the issues of 1847, 1851, 1861 and 1869, and the work of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. To those who had not seen this collection it was a revelation, and to those who had it was only another opportunity of enjoyment in seeing it again. Mr. Mason was given a vote of thanks for his entertainment of the evening.

Previous to the meeting about twenty of the members met informally for dinner at the City Club, at which Mr Mason was a guest.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

BOSTON, MASS., March 14, 1914.

The 310th (regular) meeting of the Society will be held at the Club Room on Tuesday evening, March 17th, at 7.30 o'clock.

The names of Messrs. Chas. E. Beckwith and A. T. Comstock will be voted on for membership.

The entertainment will consist of an exhibition of Russian Rural Stamps, accompanied by a talk by Mr. Frank L. Coes of Worcester. We venture to say that few of our members have seen many of these interesting stamps, and that those who attend this meeting will both learn and see a very great deal that is new to them. If you think this is "putting it strong" just come around!

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Fellow Members of the Boston Philatelic Society:—

Another year in the history of our Society has now drawn to a close and it is my privilege to review with you the two terms during which I have had the honor to serve you as your president. I shall look back with pleasure to these years and cannot help feeling that the time which has been given to the duties of the office is more than repaid when one considers how many other members have given freely of their time and effort, and the loyal support which has been accorded me.

I believe that the Society at the present time is in first class condition. If this is so, each member should feel it his duty to interest his friends to join, as I believe we can offer them advantages, such as a convenient Club Room, interesting meetings, fine exhibits of stamps, opportunities for exchange and sale of duplicates, and a good library, which would be difficult to exceed.

I will not attempt to review the doings of the stamp world as probably all of you know more about what the stamp issuing countries are doing than I. Our own country with the opening of the year 1913 brought out the seventeen Parcel Post Stamps and the four commemoratives, and since then has changed the color of the ten cent Panama-Pacific.

Turning, however, to the affairs of the Society there are several matters I wish to bring to your attention.

Treasury: With regards to the funds of the Society, diligent care has been taken during the past year in the matter of appropriations, and I believe that it is necessary for us to continue to do so for some time longer.

Council: I want to thank the members of the Council as well as of the various Committees and Officers for their interest in the affairs of the Society. The members have worked earnestly and harmoniously, and I trust that the same cordial interest and fellowship may continue thru the coming years.

Statutes: A year ago I stated that, in my opinion, the time had come when the Constitution and By-Laws required revising, as there seemed to be numerous inconsistencies due, no doubt, to the many amendments which had been made since their first adoption. Such a revision has now been made and I hope that the practical working of these new statutes may prove all we are hoping for them.

Entertainment Committee: Two years ago it was voted to have a new Entertainment Committee each month. This has meant a great deal more work for the president, and has gradually developed into his having to secure most of the exhibits. I should like to see a greater willingness on the part of some of the members to offer their services along these lines, so that, if you desire to continue the present plan, it may not be necessary to call so often on those members who can always be counted on to assist. In any case I would suggest the appointment of a Committee to consider and report on the matter of entertainment for the coming year. I think some new ideas might be evolved. I have made it a point that stamps should be shown at every regular meeting during the past year.

Committee on Exhibition, 1913: Some time ago a Committee was appointed to look after our interests in connection with the exhibition held at New York during October, 1913. This Committee collected a generous sum of money which was forwarded to the Association in New York. Our Society received a bronze medal for one of its entries and over 35 medals went to members of our society. Very much the largest number of visitors from any city outside of New York was the delegation from Boston, numbering 35 or 40. At the Paris Exhibition three medals went to members of our Society.

Recruiting: There is a recruiting Committee still in office, but I believe that the individual members have greater opportunities to do recruiting work than any Committee can possibly have. This Committee has, however, a good list of names of collectors, many of whom should be on our rolls. Further work should be done on this list, but probably more success would come if the present members as individuals would canvas and keep at these collectors until they were made to see that it was to their advantage to be with us.

Incorporation: Some months ago I recommended that the Society consider incorporation. The suggestion was favorably considered and then referred to the Council. Tonight the papers are ready to sign and the votes which require passing have been prepared so that valuable time may not be wasted or mistakes made, requiring the work to be done over again.

Official Collection: The Council voted at a recent meeting to form an official collection of stamps, a reference collection of Counterfeits having previously been undertaken. It was thought that such a collection would in time become a valuable asset to the Society. I would suggest that this collection be placed in the hands of some officer or committee, and new accessions be reported and shown at meetings.

Thanking you again for the honor which you have done me and which I greatly appreciate, I am,

Very respectfully,
CHAS. K. B. NEVIN, Pres.

Jan. 20th, 1914.

The Postal Card Society of America.

S. SCHACHNE, Pres.; W. C. STONE, Vice Pres.; S. M. EDWARDS, Sec., Argusville, N. D.; J. N. MORSE, Treas.; Ex. Com., Pres. and Vice Pres. ex-officio, H. E. CARPENTER, J. H. FOUNTAIN, G. W. HARTWELL.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Results of the election: number of votes cast, 20, as follows; from Nos. 129, 19, 226, 18, 209, 227, 57, 206, 217, 216, 202, 205, 188, 184, 152, 228, 218, 203, 144 and 156.

For President, Schachne, 19. For Vice-President, Stone, 14; Fountain, 6. For Secretary, Edwards, 19. For Treasurer, Morse, 19. For Executive Committee, Carpenter, 18; Adler, 10; Fountain, 12; Hartwell, 13; Fritz, 5; Knoll, 1.

I hereby declare the officers of the Society for the ensuing year, commencing March 1st, to be, for President, Siegfried Schachne; for Vice-President, W. C. Stone; for Secretary, S. M. Edwards; for Treasurer, J. N. Morse; for Executive Committee, H. E. Carpenter, J. H. Fountain and G. W. Hartwell.

The agent for the purchasing department and superintendent of the sales Department are appointive, and the appointees will be announced from this office at the proper time.

Application for membership: Harold Huggins, American Consulate, Nagasaki, Japan. American Vice-Consul, age 28. References: J. M. Ballantine, American Deputy Consul General, Yokohama and H. H. Dick. Proposed by S. M. Edwards.

Changes of address:—No. 57, to Leader Building; 217, to 404 Foster Building; 205, to 115 East Avenue, 36; 152, to 2405 Union Central Building; 203, to 1317 Leavenworth St.; 144, to City Hall, all in the same cities as before.

A revised list of members will be issued shortly, giving all changes so far as known to the Secretary and the names of the new members inserted.

Dues received since last notice from No. 223, 60c; 217, 50c; 129, 50c; 144, $1.00; 218, 50c; 152, $1.00; 19, 50c, total, $4.60, which has been forwarded to the Treasurer.

It is with a great deal of sorrow that the Secretary has to record and announce the death of our worthy member, No. 99, B. V. Jenkins, who passed from our midst September 19th, 1913. The Secretary always found Mr. Jenkins a pleasant man with whom to do business, not only in the society affairs, but in outside matters.

I wish to thank our members for the hearty interest taken in the recent election and for the compliment of a re-election to the office of Secretary.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.

ARGUSVILLE, N. D., Feb. 28, 1914.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Cash on hand, March 1913,	$159.77
Received dues,	25.10
	$184.87
Paid MEKEEL'S WEEKLY,	$ 5.67
Paid *Philatelic West,*	3.50
Paid Stamp Security Co.,	16.50
Paid Heusinger's Directory,	2.00
Paid Sec'y's salary,	10.00
Paid Sec'y's Post. & Stat'n'y,	5.82
	$43.49
Balance on hand,	$141.38

JOHN N. MORSE, Treas.

BOSTON, March 6, 1914.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Eugene Klein is no longer in any way connected with EUGENE KLEIN INCORPORATED, Empire Bldg., 13th and Walnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

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NEW "RE-ISSUED" DAYTON DIES.

By LOUIS G. BARRETT.

The most interesting news of the week in envelope matters is the re-appearance of several of the supposedly obsolete 2c "Dayton" dies on envelopes bearing the new watermarks of 1911 and with the low-cut "knives."

Marcus White sends me copies of each for inspection and he should be given the credit for their discovery. Can it be that the use of these dies at this late date may be only a "stop-gap" pending the cutting of new dies?

CHRONICLE.

1914: 2c Die D, Var.3: on Size 13 white; Wmk. 17 (USSE) knife 89 (low cut).
2c Die D, Var.3: on Size 13 wrapper; Wmk. 17 (USSE).
2c Die D, Var.9: on Size 5 white; Wmk. 18 (US-SE) knife 88 (low cut).
2c Die D, Var.9: on Size 5 creamy white; Wmk. 18 (US-SE) knife 88 (low cut).
2c Die D, Var.10: on Size 10 white; Wmk. 18 (US-SE) knife 88 (low cut).

Formerly Var. 3 was only known on Size 5 and wrapper with Wmk. 15 (1907); and Varieties 9 and 10 only on Size 13 Wmk. 15 (1907).

SONORA STAMPS PRINTED IN DENVER.

Revenue and postage stamps for the Constitutional forces of Mexico are being made in Denver. If the stamp manufacture is successful, currency bills for the Constitutionalists will be made in Denver.

Salvidar Catano, secretary of the treasurer of the Constitutionalist government, is in Denver supervising the manufacture of the revenue and postage stamps.

The Smith-Brooks Printing Company of Denver is making the stamps. The dies have been finished for making 25,000,000 postage stamps and 12,000,000 revenue stamps.

Maitland Milliken sends us several interesting clippings and one we reprint, giving, as it does, some facts concerning the manufacture of stamps for the constitutional forces in Mexico. The clipping is from the *Rocky Mountain News*:—

"Revenue and postage stamps for use by a civil government to be established in northern Mexico are being manufactured in Denver. Gen. Victoriano Carranza, leader of the constitutionalists, is now proceeding from Nogales, Ariz., to Juarez, Mexico, for the purpose of organizing the civil government.

If the Denver manufacture of the stamps is successful, currency notes for the constitutionalist government will be made in this city.

Salvidar Catano, secretary of the treasury of the constitutionalist forces, is in the city supervising the making of the revenue and postage stamps. The engraving plates are almost completed by the Smith-Brooks Printing Company, which is doing the work.

An effort made by the constitutionalists a short time ago to have stamps of the kind made in New York city was unsuccessful as the stamps were counterfeited. The Smith-Brooks company insisted that a representative of the constitutionalists supervise the plates in order that the company be absolved from all responsibility of counterfeiting.

The company has been ordered to print 12,000,000 revenue stamps and 25,000,000 postage stamps. The revenue stamps will range in value from 1 centavo to 5 pesos.

The manufacture of the stamps is of importance in its indication of the preparations of the Constitutionalists to establish a civil government in the northern part of Mexico controlled by their forces in opposition to the government directed from Mexico City by Provisional President Huerta.

Juarez, apposite El Paso, Texas, is the chief port of entry into Mexico on the northern boundary. The stamps made in Denver will be used at that port on the revenue between the United States and Mexico through El Paso and Juarez as well as at other points on the northern Mexico boundary."

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218		15c olive green	.32	.15
219		50c orange (wmk.)	1.20	..
220	1901	4c yellow brown	.12	.06
221		6c brownish lake	.15	..
222		8c puce	.20	..
226	1902	1c green	.03	.02
227		2c carmine	.15	.03
228		3c purple	.40	..
229		4c brown	.80	..
230		5c blue	.10	.03
231		6c brownish lake	.40	..
232		8c violet black	.85	..
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* 1884, 20pa, No. 17	.12	.05
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further information, and we quote from his letter as follows:—

"I have been given opportunity of seeing the designs for the stamps in question. They were on regular lithographer's stone and were but partially complete. The design is very handsome indeed, and in the revenues will run through the entire issue of from 1-centavo to 1-peso. Senor Catano, I understand, has not yet approved the design for the regular postage issue, though it will be very artistic when completed; in fact, probably as handsome a stamp as the country has ever had.

It is further understood that currency bills will also be printed here, though no order has as yet been placed. If Senor Catano will permit it, I shall endeavor to send you either proofs, or originals of each of the denominations."

NOTES ABOUT NEW ISSUES.

China.—Collectors should be on their guard against $2 stamps of the Imperial issue with forged Republican surcharge *inverted,* of which whole sheets have been placed on the market.

Fiji.—Sundry journals have chronicled the 2d grey and 5d violet and olive-green of the King Edward issue and the 2½d stamps of the King George type. We are officially informed that none of these stamps have been issued.

Malta.—The Postmaster General of Malta has refused to execute our order in full for the new King George stamps on the ground that the order is too large, and he has supplied us with only one-third of our requisition and returned the balance of cash. The only values of the King George set issued up to the present are ¼d, ½d and 1s, it is not known when the remaining values will be issued, as they will only be placed on sale on the exhaustion of the stocks of the old issue.

Russia.—Various philatelic journals have reported the forthcoming issue of a new series of Russian postage stamps. The Director General of Posts at St. Petersburg informs us that the new stamps will be issued some time between 1915 and 1917, but the exact date cannot be given; meantime, as the Romanoff stamps have all been withdrawn from circulation, the stamps of the previous issue are again in use.

Turkey.—In our February list we stated that a number of stamps of the coarsely executed G. P. O. type were printed on red paper as Postage Dues and all sold to a speculator. We should have stated that this refers only to four low values, 2, 5, 10 and 20 paras, the two higher values, 1 and 2 piastres, of the same issue have been in use for some time and are perfectly authentic, these are the only two values of this issue that we shall include in our next catalogue.—Whitfield King's *Monthly List.*

NETHERLAND JUBILEES.

Mr. Robert, the talented editor of the *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde,* quite naturally devotes considerable space in the December number of his paper to a discussion of the new jubilee issue of the Netherlands. The opinions regarding the new stamps as expressed in the daily papers of the Netherlands vary exceedingly, running from "horrible" to "true works of art."

As a matter of course the opinions of the common run of humanity regarding a postage stamp can be of little weight to a philatelist, for very few people in the first place are competent to judge in questions of art and in the second place still fewer people have any idea of the artistic limitations of a stamp. Mr. Robert therefore comes to the aid of the artists responsible for the stamps and gives it as his opinion that Mr. K. P. C. de Bazel of Bussum, an architect and the designer of these stamps, has in fact produced real works of art, as far as the design goes; the large size, the prominence of the portraits, the obtrusive lettering of the name of the country and of the value, were all required by the department and are not the fault of the designer.

As regards the engraving, it was splendidly done by Professor Aarts; there can be none but favorable criticism of his work. Captious critics claim that the portrait of Queen Wilhelmina bears not the slightest resemblance to the queen; Mr. Robert is inclined to blame this less on designer and engraver than on the printing firm, nor is the latter entirely to blame, for they received the orders so late that only by the most strenuous exertions a stock large enough to supply all the postoffices of the country for the first day's sales could be got ready.

Under these circumstances defects in the plates need not be wondered at. The colors chosen, though approved by the artist himself, seem to meet with general disapproval, being too subdued to suit the public taste. Mr. Robert adds the information that the stamps up to and including the 25 cents are printed in sheets of 80, 8 rows of 10, the higher values in sheets of 40, 4 rows of 10. In the lower margin the sheets show a plate number. All values show Plate 1; the plates of the 3c run up to 3, inclusive, and those of the 2½ and 5c run up to 5, inclusive.

This is a new departure on the stamps of the Netherlands and is already being extended to some of the new colonial issues. Some of the dailies have reported a new printing of the jubilee set, over and above the members we have already quoted in a former number; the authorities emphatically deny these rumors.—*P. J. of A.*

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DISHONEST CATALOG QUOTATIONS.

By THEODORE SIDDALL.

While you are campaigning against dishonest discounts, you might well give a little attention to a much worse evil—dishonest catalogue quotations. If catalogue prices had any discoverable consistent relation to the real market values of stamps there would be little possibility of dishonest discounts; but when some stamps are priced at one-quarter or one-tenth of their value, and others from two to ten times their worth, with nothing to indicate which is which, it stands to reason that those who handle stamps and know their values will take advantage of such knowledge.

If we are going to have a 50-per-cent-discount scale of prices, or a net-price scale, all right; but let us have one or the other all through the list. The present scale seems to have been made up like a lottery list. Stamps that can be bought for 25 cents a hundred should not be catalogued at 5 cents each, nor 3 cents, nor should stamps that cost $2 per hundred be listed at 1 cent, in the same list, side by side, with no warning to the unwary.

I think that a catalogue that is made for beginners and not very advanced collectors, such as is the so-called "standard" catalogue, should omit minor varieties which were accidental varieties or which only exist in one or two specimens. Listing such stuff swells the book out of all proportion to its value, makes the cost of the book more than it should be, and misleads most of its readers.

The 1914 Standard catalogue has the 1906 and 1909 Philippine issues mixed. The correct listing, as the stamps appeared, is:

1906: 2 centavos, dark green,
4 centavos, vermilion red,
6 centavos, violet,
8 centavos, brown,
10 centavos, dark blue,

and the rest of the set as given in the book.

1909-11: 2 centavos, yellow green,
4 centavos, carmine lake,
10 centavos, blue (ultramarine),

and the rest of the set as given. The 6 and 8 cents were not changed between 1906 and 1912.

The 1 and 2 peso, 1898, are listed as with "revenue cancellation." This is wrong, inasmuch as none of this issue were fiscally used. The cancellation found on 99 per cent. of the used stamps of 1898 is a telegraph cancellation; the stamps are inscribed for postage and telegraph use. The prices fixed to the various stamps of this issue have even less relation to the real values than we find elsewhere. The 2 peso stamp is ten times as common as the 4 centavo; four times as many were printed. At catalogue price the 4 centavo stamp, postally used, is the biggest bargain in the whole book. I dare say that any of the values from 40 centavos up, postally used, are very scarce, at any rate, anybody who wants to sell them at double catalogue can find plenty of buyers here in Manila, where postally used copies are unknown. But what's the use of criticizing. The list has been practically unchanged for the last ten years, and it fools nobody but the merest beginner. There are only three or four prices in the whole Philippine list that are nearly right.

Philippines Nos. 38, 38a, 61 and 115 should not be included in the catalogue until genuine copies can be produced. At present there are only two or three copies of each which even look as if they were genuine, or are even claimed by their owners to be the real thing; but there is no reasonable proof of genuineness of any of them.

If the other countries are no better than the Philippine list, I would meekly crave to be told why the catalogue claims to be a "standard."

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—In the current number of the *Collectors' Journal* of Chicago is an interesting article by Maitland Milliken on "Revival of Postal Card Collecting."

—Clippings are received with thanks from Lowell J. Ragatz, Maitland Milliken (5), F. C. DePuy, Gerald D. Bliss, Emil J. Rall, Hugo Kuenstler (10), Joseph W. Beggs (2).

—The Western Stamp Co. states that H. LaFerry, Baltimore, Md., has given them the name of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY as a reference. We have frequently stated that the WEEKLY does not allow the use of its name in this manner, and dealers will govern themselves accordingly.

—We have received No. 1 of *Stamplets*, published by the Runge Stamp Co., Cleveland, O. This organette, as it is called, will be sent upon receipt of postage.

—We desire to state that the testimonial published in the Ohlman advertisement last week was set up from the original letter received from the collector sending in the same. For obvious reasons the name and address were omitted.

—Michael Wortman, representing the firm of Jacques Wortman of Paris, was a recent caller at the office of the WEEKLY. Mr. Wortman has been on an extended tour of the U. S., visiting dealers in the leading centers.

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EDITORIAL.

Their Day is Coming—Two weeks ago, we spoke of the impending upward movement of British Colonial stamps after having experienced a somewhat slumberous period of several years. Now, an editorial in the *London Philatelist*, "The Rise in Value of Old Issues," tells of the almost inordinate advance in prices of old issues generally. Our contemporary is led to remark upon the subject by the numerous and repeated "comments in continental philatelic journals with respect to the remarkable increase of prices recently attained by the stamps of the principal European countries." First, it is admitted that sensational prices for exceptional specimens and blocks do not constitute a standard for the generality of specimens but even though the effect of these abnormal prices is duly discounted, the trend is apparent. The declining supply of the old stamps in contrast with the increase in the number of collectors is the cause, broadly speaking, for the rise in prices. An analysis of the causes for the "shrinkage of rarities" will disclose different reasons for their gradual disappearance from the collecting surface. The line of demarkation betwen the old and the new issues is becoming sharper perhaps; and it is well that the stamps of neither class have a monopoly of interest to the disparagement of the one or the other. It should be remembered that no matter how greatly new issues are esteemed, the old issues have an advantage in their age, so to say, as the element of "antiquity," relatively speaking, has its appeal to many collectors.

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An Old-Timer—From Mr. E. E. Hecker we have received several letters that were sent by his father, John Hecker, who was postmaster at West Brookfield, Ohio, sixty years ago, to the postmaster-general at Washington. The letters present an interesting phase of the duties of the postmaster in the small town many years ago; and the problems that Postmaster Hecker referred to the omniscient head at the seat of government certainly were puzzling even though they were based on what may be called the more intimate side of that public institution, the post office.

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Royal Exhibit—At the display of "errors" at the meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society of January 29th, 1914, specimens were submitted from the collection of King George. His Majesty showed the two pence, Mauritius, "penoe" error, both used and unused in superb condition, and the same error, unused, contained in a block of five.

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The Original Notice—A subscriber has given us with his compliments, the original circular issued by the post office department on June 15th, 1853, regarding "Postage-Stamp Envelopes," the "new convenience" that finally had been adopted by the United States postal authorities. Preceding the instructions as to the distribution and prices of the stamped envelopes to the public, the acts of August 31, 1852, (Section 8), and March 3, 1853, (Sections 7 and 8) are quoted as embodying information appropriate to the occasion. Section 8 of the act of August 31, 1852, authorized the postmaster-general "to provide and furnish to all Postmasters and other persons applying and paying therefor, suitable letter envelopes with such watermarks or other guards against counterfeits as may deem expedient, and with one or more suitable Postage-stamps with such device and of such denominations and value as he may direct, printed or impressed thereon; which envelopes shall be sold at the cost of procuring and furnishing the same, as near as may be, with the addition of the value or denomination of the Postage-stamps so printed thereon, or attached thereto, as aforesaid," etc., etc. The other act, approved August 31, 1852, cited the penalty for forging the envelope impressions and enjoined postmasters to effectively cancel the stamps. The re-use of envelopes was prohibited under a fine "of fifty dollars to be recovered, in the name of the United States, in any court having competent jurisdiction."

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Official Description—We do not remember ever having seen the following post office department announcement in print heretofore; and we append it because it is interesting not alone as the first departmental order on the subject of United States envelopes but because of the reference to "letter size envelopes of the denomination of twenty-four cents, made exclusively of white paper of the same watermark, and the stamp of the same device, on a pink field." This proposed envelope doubtlessly was intended for correspondence to Great Britain, as the rate from this country to Great Britain was twenty-four cents a half ounce in 1853. No mention is made of the ten cent green envelope which supplanted the twenty-four cent of the circular. Here is a literal copy of the old circular:

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
June 15th, 1853.

"Pursuant to the foregoing provisions of law, the Postmaster General has authorized postage-stamp envelopes of the following descriptions to be issued to Postmasters for sale, viz:—

No. 1, or note size, 4¾ by 2⅞ inches made exclusively of white paper, watermarked P. O. D. and the stamp U. S.
of the denomination of three cents, representing the head of Washington, in profile on a red field.

No. 2, or letter size, 5½ by 3¼ inches, made either of buff or white paper, of the same watermark, and the stamp of the denomination of three cents, being the same as No. 1.

No. 3, or official size, made either of buff or white paper of the same watermark, and the stamp of the denomination of six cents, representing the head of Washington, in profile, on a green field.

Letter size envelopes of the denomination of six cents, made of buff or white paper of the same watermark, and the stamp of the same device and color as No. 3, are to be issued: Also, letter size envelopes of the denomination of twenty-four cents, made exclusively of white paper of the same watermark, and the stamp of the same device, on a pink field.

The envelopes are to be sold to Postmasters in your vicinity and to all other persons, for cash, at the following rates, viz:—

No. 1, or note envelopes, at one dollar eighty cents a thousand, or eighteen cents a hundred, in addition to the value of the stamps.

No. 2, or letter size, at two dollars a thousand, or twenty cents a hundred, in addition to the value of the stamps.

No. 3, or official size, at three dollars and twenty cents a thousand, or thirty-two cents a hundred, in addition to the value of the stamps.

The Postage-stamps now in use will not be superseded by the stamped envelopes, but will continue to be used, as heretofore, by those who may prefer them.

All the regulations concerning postage-stamps contained in chapter 50 of the Regulations for the Government of the Post Office Department, are to be regarded by the Postmasters as applying to the stamps on the envelopes. . . They are to be canceled in the same manner; they are to be entered on the post bills and on the transcripts of "mails sent" and "mails received" in the same manner; they are to be accounted for on the quarterly account current in the same manner (See articles 18, 19, and 20;) and when sold, the money received for them is to be paid over in the same manner as other moneys received for postage-stamps or for postages.

The stamped envelopes, like the postage-stamps, will be sold only by Postmaster, who will address their applications to the Third Assistant Postmaster General.

JAMES CAMPBELL, Postmaster General."

KANSAS CITY SOCIETY.

Kansas City, Mo., March 10.—Starting with twenty-three members, collectors here have organized the Kansas City Philatelic Society and it is expected that within a few weeks a majority of more than 400 collectors in the city will have joined.

The club has been organized on a "no fees, no dues" basis, the purpose being to bring in the boy collectors in numbers, keep them interested in their collections and interest others. One of the plans to be followed is to dispose of cheap duplicates by giving them out among the boys and thus interesting them in collecting.

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Meantime the interesting fact to philatelists is that "La Semeuse," who first appeared on the postal stage in 1906, will shortly make her final exit. She has had a good long run, but for a long time her performance did not go smoothly at all. She gave her manager, the good Mons. Mouchon, a deal of trouble. First of all, it was discovered that "La Semeuse" was sowing her seed against the wind, a thing of which no prudent agriculturist would be guilty. This led to frequent changes of detail—the deletion of the sun, the woman's shadow, &c (things which gave the game away) and the gradual elimination of the ground on which the sower walked. One of our French contemporaries, *Le Collectionneur des Timbres-Poste,* some years ago very neatly hit off the situation by depicting in the act of quitting her postage



"La Semeuse", tired of all these changes, stamp in disgust.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

THE NEW TURK SET.

By Fred J. Melville.

Verily we like not those who unmask our illusions. The picturesque fancies which we treasure in our memories as the children store up the fables of the nursery, are dear to us children of a larger growth. But our love of fantastic lore suffers many a shock. Ever since the first stamps of the Sublime Empire appeared in the reign of Abdul Aziz, on whom be Peace, we collectors of stamps (on whom there can be no Peace, for in stamps there is constancy but in change) have nourished a fond fancy that pictures and portraits are forbidden to the Muslim, and that the Allah, who is great, and his prophet, Muhammed have set the Curse upon such works of Satan.

Much has been written by philatelists, as well as by Muhammedan scholars, upon the subject, and the continued philatelic fidelity to the *Toughra* on the Turkish stamps has ingrained into collectors the belief being that the Turks would never depart from their reading of the law as set forth by Muhammed in this particular. The verse which in the Koran, sets forth the alleged prohibition is transcribed:—

"O believers surely wine and games of chance, and statues, and the divining arrows are an abomination of Satan's work! Avoid them that ye may prosper."

The wise men of the East, who have drunk deep of the streams of wisdom that flow from the Book of Warnings, have read many different meanings into the verse, and in Turkey it has been taken to imply the forbidding of all figures, and even the ruminative game of chess is barred by the strict Muslim. We, of Christian faith, would appear to have a more emphatic prohibition of the making of pictures in the translation of the Mosaic law:—

"And God spake all these words, saying, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth."

Our theologians have not regarded the second Commandment as a condemnation of the making of pictures, though many an earnest believer, during the phases of pictorial frenzy through which we have passed and are still passing, may have regarded the picture paper and the picture palace as abominations of Satan's work. We, ourselves, on occasion, have felt that our process-engravers have been in league with some sprite not half so innocent as the Printer's Devil.

The new pictorial stamps of Turkey have dispelled one of the mellow myths of our cult, a myth which, perhaps, was simply an exaggeration of a prohibition which is more in common with Western ideas than with Western practices. For instance, there have been recorded seizures of pictorial postcards in Turkey, attributed to the Muhammedan law; but these probably concerned cards which gave offence to Muslim susceptibilities by their blatant portrayal of the unveiled faces *(inter alia)* of women. If the prohibition of pictures in the past has been no myth, and the late departure from precedent is the result of the advent of the New Turk, then, indeed, the New Turk hath courage, for every true believer of the Prophet must needs regard every new-born child, whether a creature of the flesh or of the mind, as a thing that is touched by Satan.

Yet one other illusion concerning Turkish stamps has been shattered of recent years. We are told now that the Crescent, so long an emblem of the Sublime Empire, owes nothing to the moon. The barking of dogs on the appearance of the moon at the siege of Byzantium may have saved the city, and the partial eclipse of the orb of night may have aided the Turks at the capture of Constantinople, but the Turkish Crescent is no memorial thereof, merely a horse-shoe or an amulet. Professor Ridgeway says it is the result of the base-to-base conjunction of two claw or tusk amulets. Says another writer, "There is no historical evidence that the Turks thought at all of the moon when they adopted a crescent as their national symbol." Alas no, they did their courting according to their own lights—and forgot the moon.—*Stamp Lover.*

APOLOGY TO JAMES H. HURLEY, PROVIDENCE, R. I. — NAME USED TO DEFRAUD.

Two weeks ago we published a notice that we had been informed by Charles S. Osgood that James H. Hurley of Providence, R. I., had sent him a check which when deposited for collection had been returned marked "No funds". The real James H. Hurley of Providence, R. I., did not send this check. Some one fraudulently assuming the name of "James H. Hurley" has recently been operating in and around Providence and signing the name "James H. Hurley" to checks, but the police have not yet succeeded in locating him.

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OUR REBUS CONTEST.

We have had no small task in examining the entries and summarizing the results of the rebus contests recently announced in our columns. Judging from the returns it struck a responsive chord and many contestants expressed their pleasure at the entertainment we had afforded them.

We were confronted by a difficult problem in awarding the prizes in connection with this competition, for the reason that so many of our readers were able to correctly solve the rebus and sent in their lists of answers with no word of comment or description.

It has seemed best to us to give those who sent in bare lists honorary mention and make prize awards to a few contestants who took special pains to make their answers artistic and attractive. Our awards are as follows:—

1st prize; D. E. Lantz, Washington, D. C.
2nd prize; B. F. Wells, Maywood, Ill.
3rd prize; Joseph V Wells, Bergen, N. Y.
4th prize; Reginald Taylor, Astoria, N. Y.

The first three prize-winning entries were poetical in nature, while the entry of Mr. Taylor showed considerable merit in the drawing of the several fragments as pictured, with descriptive matter accompanying the same. We publish this week the entry of D. E. Lantz, as follows:—

A VOYAGE OF THE "FAD."

The "Fad" 's a bark, or ancient ark,
Owned by a goodly company,
Who sail the seas, where'er they please,
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They lately met a rebus, set
To test the mettle of their sailings
In voyage long. Their hearts are strong,
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With winged boat, the "Fad" afloat,
They sail in sea or air serene.
But ere they roam, they find at home
The "Merry Widow" hat of green(4).

They there embark on waiting ark,
And southward drive the flying "Fad."
At Hayti's (9) strand they make a stand
Then onward sweep to Trinidad (10).

Thence they depart for Georgetown mart,
Guiana (8) and far Argentine (12);
And then they fly o'er mountains high
To Chili (6) ("Fad" 's a fine machine).

Pacific's waves the "Fad" now braves
To find at length Hawaii's (11) sands,
Then through the isles, uncharted miles,
Where Zealand (7) waits with welcoming hands.

Victoria (13)'s near, and then they steer
A course for Ceylon (10) land of "tay,"
On India's shore, find Travancore, (2)
And next set sail for Africa.

There short their wait at Orange State (18)
And then they fly to northern strand.
They stop to glance at sunny France, (15)
Then cross the Alps to Switzerland (16).

In nearby camp Bavaria's (14) stamp
With gleeful ardor next they find,
In Italy (3) one "fragment" see,
Then leave the Continent behind.

They fly through miles to British Isles (5)
Then northward sail to Iceland's (1) snow.
All fragments found, they're homeward bound.
And land at last where baked beans grow.

List: Scott's Numbers.—1—Iceland, 98; 2—Travancore, 3; 3—Italy, 17; 4—United States, 896; 5—Great Britain, 101; 6—Chili, 100; 7—New Zealand, 502; 8—British Guiana, 77; 9—Hayti, 3; 10—Ceylon, 66; 11—Hawaii, 31; 12—Argentine, 44; 13—Victoria, 18; 14—Bavaria, 11; 15—France, 134; 16—Switzerland, 44; 17—Trinidad, 103; 18—Orange River Col., 3.

For first prize we award Mr. Lantz a six years' subscription to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS. For second prize we award B. F. Wells a Heusinger *Stamp and Coin Collectors' and Dealers' Address Book.* For third prize we award a copy of Goodwin's *Specialized United States* to Joseph V. Wells, and for fourth prize we present Reginald Taylor with Caudell's *Key to U. S. Envelopes.*

In naming those who sent in complete correct lists there are certain entries that are more praiseworthy than others, due to the care taken in the preparation of the solutions offered, and we list these contestants as entitled to special mention. They are:—

LeRoy C. Brown	Frank C. Cosby
Philip A. Cann	Frank C. Clark
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L. S. Hapgood	Paul Kohn
Harry F. Standley	H. J. Storer
J. Marvin Weller	H. F. Whittaker

The following is the list of contestants who because of complete correct answers are entitled to honorable mention:—

M. T. Aiken	E. L. Kasemeier
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Henry Keep	Joseph C. Zanini

We cannot give the names of all the contestants, but think it proper for us to recognize the interest shown by those who were able to send in solutions which with one single exception were complete. Upon this list we enter the names of:—

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J. W. Hoffman	Grover A. Snow
W. R. Harrison	C. D. Sutcliffe
S. R. Hafely	Wm. H. Voas
Mrs. Mary A. Hill	E. H. Weed

While this contest, coming as it has right in the heart of the busy season, has given the managing editor a large amount of extra work, we feel satisfied with the venture in the consciousness that our subscribers have keenly enjoyed the hunt we have given them. We shall hope at a no distant day to provide another.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE LEAFLETS.

These leaflets are written by eminent philatelists such as Fred J. Melville, L. Harald Kjellstedt, C. A. Howes, B. W. H. Poole and D. B. Armstrong and are authoritative. They are handy in size, uniform in shape and can be inserted if desired in loose leaf albums. They are printed on nice stock and mailed in a tube will be found invaluable to the serious collector:—

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British Central Africa
British New Guinea
Campeche, A Study in
Cape of Good Hope Wood Blocks
Cape, 1861 Wood Blocks
Cape Wood Blocks, by M. P. Castle
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Corrientes, Postage Stamps of
Crete, Postal Emissions of
France, Postal Issues from 1900
German Empire Private Locals
Gt. Britain Stamps Used Abroad
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Hamburg
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Jamaica, Among the Llandoveries
Mauritius, 1848-59 Locally Eng. and Lithe.
Mauritius, 20th Century
Morocco Foreign and Private Posts
Natal—20th Century
New Zealand—First Issue
Niger Coast Protectorate
Niue, Stamps of
No. Borneo, Stamps of
Nyassa
Prussia—King Frederick William IV Issues.
Samoa "Express" Issue
Scandinavia, Local Stamps of
Schleswig-Holstein, Postage Stamps of
Seychelles—20th Century
St. Helena, The Stamps of
Sicily Retouches, Notes on
Sicily, Stamps of
Sierra Leone—Its Postal Issues
Soudan's Postal Issues
Switzerland, Revenue Stamps of
Tobago, Stamps of
Trinidad, Stamps of, by Bacon
Uruguay, Diligencia Issues of
Uruguay, by C. A. Howes
U. S. Aeroplane Mail Cancellations
U. S. 1c of 1890-8, by Poole
U. S. Department Stamps
U. S. Encased Postage Stamps
U. S. Envelope Dies, 1853-1900
U. S. "Dr. K. & Co. I R" Surcharges
U. S. Envelopes 1903-11, by L. G. Barrett
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The Lyceum Stamp & Coin Club of Lynn, Mass., composed entirely of men employed by the General Electric Company, holds monthly meetings, and has had an active existence of nearly a year. There are over two dozen members. At the meeting on March 9th it was voted to establish a regular Sales Department, and rules governing the same were adopted. Dugald McKillop of Lynn was chosen Sales Manager. The entertainment of the evening consisted in an auction sale of stamp packets, which went off successfully. For the April meeting it is expected that President Comstock, aided by comrade Barton, will provide a lantern slide exhibit.

THE STAMP MARKET.

I observe that several dealers are commencing a "New Issue Service." Evidently there is a belief that there is a lot of money in it, but my own opinion is that it will only pay the man who can carry it out in a large way; it wants a large number of subscribers to make it worth the initial outlay.

India, Queen's Head, 2, 3 and 5 rupees are "going up" and worth buying at present prices; so are the same values of the Edwardian issue.

The story about the Romanoff issue being obsolete in Russia is not quite correct. The fact is that as the supply is exhausted they are being replaced by the old issue, and both will be in use concurrently until the new issue is ready. The 4 Kopecs are a good investment. This and several other values have been sold out, and I understand that no more will be printed.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—Charles E. Fisher has shown us a 2c envelope, purchased recently at the post office at West Philadelphia, Pa., which shows that the contractors are still having trouble with the envelopes. The specimen shown is a smudge of color on both sides of the paper, the only white paper appearing being the embossed head and that also is nearly obliterated.

W. E. Marsh writes, referring to the note in No. 1209, regarding defective printing:

"I formerly had a strip of three of the 2c of 1895, with the same defects, and have seen several others. Have also seen several copies of the 2c of the current issue with a wrinkle in the paper, showing a white streak on the stamp one-sixteenth inch wide when the paper was straightened out. Believe these freaks are common."

O. H. Eidsor reports several freakish things in U. S. stamps including the 5c Parcel Post, with a double transfer; the 2c Parcel Post with imperfect inking showing colorless marks around the letters in the inscription "U. S. Parcel Post" and especially around the periods before and after "Cents."

H. E. A. Deats reports having seen the new Western Union franks for 1914, and sends a full description as follows:

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CHILE.—O. H. Eidsor reports having seen the 30c blue green and black of 1905, surcharged "5 Impuesto" and "20 Impuesto," and both used for postage. The first was in dark red and the latter in black.

CUBA.—Frank P. Brown has shown us the remainder of the new series of stamps, all values being in the design of the 1c and 2c values, already noticed. Mr. Brown also sends us the new Special Delivery, which shows a large aeroplane flying over the harbor at Havana, with Moro Castle in the rear. The design shows "Republica de Cuba," in a curved line at the top, the value in words at the sides, and in figures in the lower corners. Between the circles containing the latter are the words, "Entrega Inmediata." The sky behind the aeroplane is unlined so that the machine stands out with startling distinctness.

Adhesives.

1c green.
2c carmine.
3c violet.
5c blue.
10c brown.
50c orange.
$1 black.

Special Delivery Adhesive.

10c dark blue.

ECUADOR.—Whitfield King & Co. send us the new 1 sucre stamp chronicled in No. 1210.

HONDURAS.—Another provisional must be added to those chronicled in Nos. 1206 and 1210. The 6c dark violet has been surcharged "10 Cent," like the 10c on 2c noted in No. 1210. George H. Sleeper sends a part of a cover having a diagonal half of a 6c dark violet of the current series, and used as 3 cents.

Provisional Adhesive.

"10 cent" on 6c dark violet.

INDIA.—*Orcha.*—We have been shown the ½a and 1a, as chronicled in No. 1211 from Whitfield King & Co. They are very poorly printed.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Owen Nolan reports having seen the following new stamps. Whitfield King & Co. have also shown us these stamps.

Adhesives.

3d violet on yellow tinted.
1sh black on green tinted.
2sh 6d black and carmine on blue.
5sh green and red on yellow tinted.

MALTA.—J. A. Galbraith sends us used copies of the new ½d King George stamps in the new De La Rue type.

Adhesive.

½d green.

MONTSERRAT.—Owen Nolan reports having seen the 3d King George stamp on yellow tinted paper, and Whitfield King & Co. have submitted a specimen.

Adhesive.

3d violet on yellow tinted.

MOZAMBIQUE.—As noted in No. 1203, the new stamps in the Ceres type have appeared, the design and colors being the same as noted for Macau some time since, with the name of the Colony changed. The stamps have been shown us by Whitfield King & Co.

PORTUGUESE CONGO.—Whitfield King & Co. report the issue of the new series in the Ceres type, the colors being the same as for the other Colonies mentioned, with the name of the Colony changed.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us four new surcharges from this Colony, the 4½r light green and 1t carmine of the King Carlos type, and the same values in the Vasco da Gama set, having been surcharged "Republica" and new values in black. The *Philatelic Journal of India*

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RUSSIA.—*Offices in China.*—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 3k red and the 1r brown and orange of the 1909-10 issue, varnished lines, with the overprint in black instead of blue.

ST. VINCENT.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 5d King George stamp.

Adhesive.

5d olive.

SERVIA.—The *Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung* reports that the colors of the current series have been changed.

Adhesives.

5p yellow green.
10p scarlet.
15p black.
20p brown.
25p ultramarine.
30p olive.
50p brown red.
1d gray black.

TURKEY.—H. E. Satow of Trebizond, writes to *Ewen's Weekly* as follows:—

"I received a few days ago from a high Turkish official here a set of four Unpaids—2, 5, 10, and 20 paras, 1913 type, surcharged, either in black or red, and was informed that they had only been in use for two hours and had then been withdrawn. This supposed short period of sale to the public with the idea of giving the issue philatelic status was evidently part of the pre-arrangement with the speculator on his taking over the stock; and from other information we have received we are of opinion that the stamps were never in any true sense on sale to the public for postal requirements; and the set should therefore be totally barred from any collection or catalogue." The above evidently refers to the postage due surcharges on the Adrianople stamps. The same correspondent says: "The local post office refuses to sell more than two copies of the 10 paras, green, of the new pictorial issue, the reason apparently being that there is an alleged Armenian inscription in the shading under the words "Postes Ottomanes," on account of which the stamp may be withdrawn. An Armenian authority, who has examined the stamps under the microscope, says there is no inscription."

COMMUNICATION.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

To The Editor:—

In a recent issue I read the editorial "Via Puerto Barrios" and I wish you would give us more information in regard to the subject.

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Via Puerto Barrios (in black).
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Por Vapor San Juan (in red).
Por Vapor San Blas (in red).
Por Vapor Colon (in red).
Por Vapor City of Para (in red).
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

It is well that we pause once in a while and take an account of stock just to note the progress we are making in stimulating interest in philately and in giving publicity to our hobby. Other papers do this and the average editor does not hesitate to claim everything in sight. Even as the American eagle flaps his American wings so we shall be pardoned assuming an air of meditation in the light of recent events.

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From a literary standpoint, Mr. Poole treats of the stamps of "Oldenburg" and Mr. Wiley on "U. S. Stamp Books" to say nothing of much news matter of a lighter nature. Following Mr. Wiley's article will be a third on "U. S. Postal Saving Stamps," the first of the series being the article on "Parcel Post." Ultimately a book will be issued combining all three with the title "Branch Lines of U. S. Stamps."

This special number shines from a publicity standpoint and we shall be pardoned for referring to it in detail. First and foremost the advertisement of Phillips & Co. is boldly conceived. Very seldom do we sell the two middle pages of the WEEKLY and such a bid for patronage is enterprise of the highest character.

It will be interesting to note the quarter pages in this number. Our price, $15.00 for a quarter page of 144 lines, is a bargain in advertising and we find that dealers are appreciating our generous offer. H. Tasker expresses his regret at failure to get copy in for this number and asks for a quarter page space April 25. The McGraw Stamp Co., Detroit, writes in similar vein, excepting that they will take a half page April 4.

No doubt advertisements are printed this week that will fail to pull. It's a hard proposition writing a winning advertisement. We have noticed the advertising of H. Tasker these past weeks and came to the conclusion that he is getting patronage—*and he is.* How interesting are these advertisements! Scott and his new album (applicable to the two Scotts), Powell and his packets, Wilson and his oddities, Detroit Stamp Co., and their auction, Parmelee and his Norways, Nickles and the Edmond Co., with their columns of bargains, while two new meteors, Garden City and Poinsettia, flash across the philatelic sky. We hope for a frequent return.

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1 on 50c blue	.04
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2 on 4c claret	.06
2 on 35c mountains	.06
2 on 50c blue	.06
2 on 2p green	.08
3 on 6c bistre	.10

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½ on 2 vermilion	$0.04
1 on 3 brown	.04
1 on 4 carmine	.04
1 on 6 claret	.04
1 on 20 indigo	.04
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	10c	green	1.40	
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	15c	green	2.00	
	24c	green	4.25	
	30c	green	3.25	
	90c	green	6.00	
	$2.00	grn. & blk.	13.00	
War	7c	rose	1.00	
Dept.	10c	rose	.45	
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	15c	rose	.15	
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THE STAMPS OF OLDENBURG.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

Oldenburg is a sovereign grand-duchy of the German Empire consisting of three divisions. The first and largest of these is the grand-duchy proper which adjoins the North Sea and has an area of 2,075 square miles. The second part consists of the principality of Lubeck, which is situated north of the state of the same name, with an area of 210 square miles. The third and smallest portion is known as the principality of Birkenfeld. This is situated on the River Saar in the south of the Rhine Provinces and has an area of 194 square miles. The total population of the three portions is a little over 400,000. The grand-duchy proper consists of marsh and *geest* (high heath and moor) land. The breeding of horses, cattle, and sheep and the keeping of bees, are considerable industries. Brickmaking, cork and turf cutting, brewing and distilling, and tobacco manufacture are also carried on. Lubeck possesses more pleasing features than the grand-duchy and is blessed with fruitful soil. Birkenfeld is covered with forests to the extent of 40% of its surface. Here the cutting of gems (agates) and manufacture of imitation jewelery are thriving industries. The grand-duchy has one vote in the Imperial Federal Council and sends three representatives to the Imperial Diet. Its capital, having a population of about 30,000, bears the same name and is chiefly famous for its grand-ducal palace.

The house of Oldenburg is one of considerable antiquity and traces its descent direct from the famous Saxon leader, Witikind, who successfully resisted the doughty Charlemagne more than eleven hundred years ago. Though Witikind eventually submitted it was on highly favorable terms and he took the title of Duke of Saxony. Two of his descendants became the heroes of the nursery tales of Germany. One was Count Otto, to whom a fairy is said to have presented the silver-gilt horn still exhibted in the museum of Copenhagen, and known as the "Horn of Oldenburg." It is this horn which figures on the stamps of Denmark, Hanover, etc.

Count Frederic, another off-shoot, bravely proved the innocence of a maligned father by undergoing the ordeal of single combat with a fierce lion, which he slew in the presence of the assembled diet of Gostar, presided over by the Emperor, Henry IV. From this young hero's heirs springs the ducal house of Oldenburg and his prowess is fittingly commemorated by the inclusion of a lion rampant on the ducal coat-of-arms. Christian, the Warlike, his great-grandson, built a castle near the ancient city of Oldenburg in 1180 and thereafter took for his title Count of Oldenburg. In 1570, Anthony, the reigning Count, willed a transfer of his dominions to the king of Denmark and the Dukes of Schleswig-Holstein, in the case of the extinction of his male posterity.

In 1667 the country actually fell into the possession of Denmark, then represented by the house of Holstein Gottorp, the elder branch of the Oldenburg family. On the accession of that branch to the Russian throne Denmark received Oldenburg in exchange for the Schleswig-Holstein family possessions. The grand-duke Paul of Russia, in whom the Oldenburg states were invested, solemnly assigned them, according to convention, to his cousin Frederic Augustus, representative of the younger branch of Gottorp and at that time bishop of Lubeck. The emperor of Germany confirmed this settlement (1777), and raised the territory to the rank of a duchy. In 1803 the bishopric of Lubeck was added to the duchy and, after the fall of Napoleon in 1815, the principality of Birkenfeld was amalgamated therewith. In 1829 the territory was made a grand-duchy.

ITS POSTAL HISTORY.

The postal service of Oldenburg was originally in the hands of the Counts of Thurn and Taxis, but when it was annexed to the French crown in 1811 that service was put an end to. When the duchy was restored by the Congress of Vienna in 1815, after the fall of Napoleon, it provided a postal administration of its own. In 1851 it joined the German-Austrian Postal Union and, as one of the rules of the Union required the adoption of postage stamps by the contracting states, Oldenburg immediately made preparation for the issue of suitable labels. The postal rates required three values—1, 2, and 3 silbergroschen respectively, and these were somewhat difficult to express owing to the fact that the currency, like that of Bremen, consisted of a thaler of 72 grote, each of which was divided into 5 schwaren. In the other countries belonging to this Postal Union the thaler was divided into 30 silbergroschen. It was decided to express the values in fractions of a thaler, 1 silbergroschen (1/30 thaler) being equal to 2 2/5 grote; 2 silbergroschen (1/15 thaler) being equal to 4 4/5 grote; and 3 silbergroschen (1/10 thaler) being equal to 7 1/5 grote. These three stamps were first placed on sale on January 5th, 1852. The 1 silbergroschen stamp was for letters weighing up to 1 loth (ounce) sent not more than 10 German miles within the confines of the grand-duchy; the 2 silbergroschen was for letters sent more than 10 miles; and the 3 silbergroschen value was for heavier letters and also for those sent to points outside Oldenburg. The 1 silbergroschen was also used for the registration fee and, from 1858, represented the single letter rate to any place within the grand-duchy.

In 1855 a new value, 1/3 silbergroschen or 4 schwaren, was issued for use on packages of printed matter up to one ounce in weight.

In 1857 the coinage was altered to conform with that of the other members of the Postal Union, the thaler now being divided into 30 groschen of 12 schwaren each. A new set of four values appeared in 1859 showing values in groschen. The next change took place in 1861 when it was decided to dispense with colored papers and have colored impressions on white paper. At the same time two new values were added to the set—a ½gr for the reduced local or "drop" letter rate, and ¼gr to assist in making up the fractional rates on letters to foreign countries. This value was dropped in Feb-

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ruary of the following year as its use was rather restricted and where the fractional rates necessitated it the next higher value, ½gr had to be used. The adoption of uniform colors for equivalent values among the various members of the Union necessitated another issue in 1862 and this remained in use until January 1st, 1868, when Oldenburg joined the North German Confederation.

In 1853 Prussia acquired about a quarter of a square mile of the territory of Oldenburg at the mouth of the river Jade for a naval port, now called Wilhelmshafen, for a consideration of $375,000, but it was stipulated that Prussian stamps should only be used on letters forwarded by sea. Prussian official correspondence was forwarded free but all other mail matter passing over the postal routes of the grand-duchy had to be franked with Oldenburg stamps. It is important to remember that the Oldenburg stamps were only used in the grand-duchy proper and not in the principalities of Lubeck and Birkenfeld.

By an agreement, dated August 17th, 1845, and by a Customs Convention dated January 16th, 1864, the postal service of Lubeck was transferred to Denmark, which then possessed sovereign powers in the neighbouring Duchy of Holstein. The postal revenue went to Denmark and Danish stamps were used there until 1864. Then the stamps of Schleswig-Holstein were used, and from 1866 those of Prussia.

Prussia also had charge of the postal administration of Birkenfeld, by the terms of a convention dated April 4th, 1857. Prussian stamps were used and Oldenburg received the sum of $450 annually as compensation for the loss of postal revenue.

The First Issue.

On December 5th, 1851, Oldenburg joined the German-Austrian Postal Union and, as one of the rules of the Union stipulated that postage stamps should be introduced as "quickly as possible," the Government at once made arrangements for the issue of suitable stamps. The old established firm of lithographic printers, Gerhard Stalling of Oldenburg, were approached and they submitted a drawing for the proposed stamps together with an estimate for the cost of production. The drawing met with the approval of the Government and it was returned to Stalling with an order to manufacture the stamps. This order was notified to the Postal Administration by the Government on December 29th, 1851, and on the day previous to this an official decree was published for a translation of which I am indebted to Mr. G. B. Duerst's article in the *Monthly Journal* for December, 1900, viz.:—

No. 113.

Oldenburg, December 28, 1851.

On account of the introduction of postage stamps, and in consequence of the notice of the 16th inst. referring to the German-Austrian Postal Convention, the following is herewith published:—

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Art. 2.—Only letters can be franked with postage stamps; letters with declared value, packets to be paid for on delivery, samples and wrappers (newspapers?) are excepted.

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Art. 5.—Letters franked with stamps can be posted like unfranked letters in letter boxes; registered letters must be handed in over the counter.

Art. 6.—Refers to imitators and forgers of postage stamps.

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A Birmingham Dealer.—In the past few years it has been our pleasing task to meet a number of the leading dealers with whom our readers have philatelic transactions, and from our correspondence we find that readers are always glad to learn something of those dealers with whom they do business. Recently we had the pleasure of a chat with a provincial dealer of long-established reputation, Mr. W. T. Wilson, of Birmingham, with whom a very large proportion of my readers have no doubt had dealings.

A Collector in 1860.—Mr. Wilson started to collect stamps at school about 1860, at the age of thirteen. He was at school in Lincolnshire and in that year he wrote to his mother that she was to be sure and save all the foreign



W. T. Wilson.

stamps she could get for him. From his first acquaintanceship with Edward L. Pemberton in 1865, there developed a very real friendship between the two young philatelists and from that year up to 1870 or 1871 Mr. Wilson used to spend all the spare time he had at Pemberton's place—at first Islington Row; and later, Soho Hill, Birmingham, discussing stamps and examining the wonderful hauls that came frequently to the famous Birmingham dealer.

Some Unique Finds.—For many years Mr. Wilson devoted his chief interest in philately to the stamps of Great Britain and Colonies, but in later times the stamps of many foreign countries have come very notably within his sphere of specialistic knowledge. Among his finds in English stamps was the 3d with the private mark plate 3 now in the Tapling collection; and the 6d brown, plate 13, used, perf. 14, now in the celebrated collection of M. la Renotiere, of Paris.

Story of a Mauritius Error.—"It was one of my luckiest 'finds,' in a day when 'lucky finds' were commoner than they are now-a-days. I was rushing off to pay a butcher's bill, when I saw a sheet of stamps in a little huckster's shop, and noticed upon it a twopenny Mauritius. I hurried on, thinking it must be a cut out autotype. But when I came to think the matter over in the train—I was starting on a journey at the time—I remembered that that particular stamp had never been autotyped. I scarcely knew what to do, as I should not be back in Birmingham for some days. At last I decided to go on and take the chance of securing the stamp on my return. When I got back, I hastened at once to the shop, as you may be sure. Imagine my amazement!—the stamp was not only still there, but had been reduced in price from 3d to 2d by the young dealer who desired to sell it. It was the rare 1848 *Penoe* error, early state of the plate UNUSED! honestly worth £6 or £7 then . . . It is now in the Tapling collection."

Mr. Wilson's Special Interests.—Mr. Wilson became a member of the Philatelic Society, now the Royal Philatelic Society, in 1882, and he started to deal in stamps in 1891. He is one of the very few dealers in the Society, having been a member before the rule which precluded the admission of dealers came into force. Among his special studies may be mentioned especially the stamps of Australia and New Zealand, one of his strongest points being the varieties of the early issues of the latter colony now promoted to a Dominion.

The Fascination of Mexicans.—In later years Mr. Wilson has entered deeply into the study of Mexican stamps, not in any one of the many complicated periods of Mexican issues but into practically the whole series. The philatelic study of Mexico is possibly the most complicated of all philatelic tasks, and it is generally agreed that it is too big a field for any one person to adequately grope with thoroughly and in its entirety. So the collectors of these stamps now-a-days—several of the leading ones amongst them at any rate—have come to an admirable working arrangement by which each makes a strong point of a distinct period. Mr. Wilson's knowledge of the subject is, however, the most comprehensive in the entire Mexican field from the first Hidalgos to the Porte de Mar mysteries. Speaking of Mexico as an unequalled field for philatelic research, Mr. Wilson declared to us: "I have dipped into most things of a complicated nature in philately, such as Australians, New Zealands, Portuguese Indies, Afghans and others but I have always come back to Mexicans and can unhesitatingly say that there is no country in the world with the endless and sustained interest for the philatelic worker than Mexico offers."

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Notable Collections Purchased.—Among the collections handled of recent years may be mentioned the superb UNUSED one of HOLLAND which obtained a gold medal at the London Exhibition of 1906 and a wonderfully strong "USED" collection of the same country, acquired last year. The cream of the specialised collections formed by the late Rev. W. N. Usher, F.R.P.S.L., of which ICELAND was deservedly the best known as it was the basis of the articles in the *London Philatelist* of March and April, 1906, also collections of Bulgaria and Corea, and last, but not least, Mr. Usher's choice accumulation of STAMPS USED ON ORIGINAL COVERS, in which Mr. Wilson has always been a strong believer, as adding greatly to the interest of a collection, when judiciously inserted here and there. After "crying in the wilderness" on this subject for many years, it would seem that "original covers," like the once despised Mexicans, are now the rage among discriminating philatelists, as is evidenced by the prices recently obtained by stamps in this condition at the Paris, New York and Berlin philatelic auctions.

Like Father, Like Son.—Many collectors of the older school find in Mr. Wilson's stock many of the out-of-the-way things which are rarely to be discovered in the stock books of the more extensive philatelic establishments. If we seek early dates, or used copies of a stamp on the entire, or an elusive retouch they are frequently to be had from this able and experienced student, and since Mr. F. E. Wilson has joined his father in the stamp business and has shewn considerable talent both in the study and in the commerce of stamps, the scope of the business has developed widely and



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embraces most of the European and American countries besides the stamps of Great Britain and her numerous colonial possessions. That Mr. F. E. Wilson is a philatelist of no mean order will be readily recognised by most of our readers when they recall his admirable articles published in *The Postage Stamp* a few years ago on the stamps of Belgium. Mr. Wilson, junior, was educated in Germany and with the idea of acquiring that practical knowledge of foreign languages which is so necessary in the present day stamp business. He came into the business in 1895, and became a partner in 1902. He has attended most of the important philatelic exhibitions at home and abroad of recent years, including the Hague 1896 and 1901, Paris 1900 and 1907, Berlin 1904, Amsterdam 1909, Vienna 1911, etc. He has formed an extensive specialised collection of Belgian stamps which obtained a silver-gilt medal at Amsterdam in 1909 and a silver medal at Vienna in 1911.—*Postage Stamp.*

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OUR BOOK REVIEW.

The New Junior Album:—The International "Junior" Album, just published by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., is the newest thing in albums for the beginners and moderate general collector. A review of the book is somewhat difficult without an understanding of the causes which led to its preparation.

It has been evident to members of the trade for some years, that beginners were struggling under increasing difficulties, in endeavoring to make an attractive showing in a large complete Album. For this reason, while many thousands of new collectors have started each year, altogether too large a proportion of this number became discouraged and dropped out, without obtaining a real taste of the pleasures of stamp collecting.

The Scott people announced some months ago, that they had in preparation a book which was intended to supply spaces for those stamps which the average beginner, or the general collector having less than 10,000 varieties, is likely to obtain, combined with these spaces were to be blank squares for the reception of such rare stamps as might be added to the collection.

An examination of the pages of this New Junior Album, shows how the idea has been carried out. The appearance of the book at first glance is the same as that of the other International Albums, the illustrations are full size, and the descriptions of the stamps in the spaces look the same. It is only upon close comparison that one sees that the rare stamps have been left out. Beginning with United States, we find that, taking for example, the Columbian issue, there are separately described spaces for all values from 1c to 50c, while at the end of the set is a blank space, in case the boy owner is fortunate enough to pick up any of the dollar values. The same idea has been carried out through the foreign countries.

The publishers have stated that no fixed rule has been followed in planning the album. Their only guide has been the inspection of a large number of general collections, and the idea has been to provide the spaces which seem to be needed by American collectors. Favorite countries have been the most liberally treated. Under United States, we find some stamps included which catalogue as high as $1.00 or $1.50. In some of the less popular Countries, the issues have been very cut down, so that the separately described spaces end with stamps listing not over 15c or 20c, although there are plenty of blank squares for any of the higher priced ones.

There are certain to be criticisms of the decisions, as to what has been left out or left in, but we are inclined to think that few beginners will find fault with the cutting down of such Countries as Panama, Salvador surcharges, etc., as long as the favorite standard countries have been more liberally treated. The Album contains 425 pages in all, and in this space a beginner with very moderate means, should be able to make a very attractive showing. The cheap edition is bound in the familiar blue boards, with bright red back and corners. The higher priced editions are furnished bound in cloth, one with, and another without extra blank pages. For prices see advertisement elsewhere.

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Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—If any dealers have had any unsatisfactory relations with Prof. E. Gruneberg. Havana, Cuba, please communicate with H. W. Doscher & Co. of San Francisco, Cal. The Doscher Co. claims that they can get no reply in connection with stamps sent the Havana party.

—It will be remembered that quite recently we announced the sudden disappearance of C. B. Bostwick and asked for information as to his whereabouts. Since that time no word has been received concerning the missing man and we are now in receipt of a communication from Mr. Bostwick's former address asking that the WEEKLY subscription be discontinued and stating that Mr. Bostwick died recently.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Allen H. Blake, M. D.

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EDITORIAL.

The New Denominations—On March 16th, 1914, we were informed through a credible source that a supply of the new United States stamps has been received at the Chicago post office but that they would not be available to the public until "some time later." The colors of the stamps are: seven cent, black; nine cent, pink; twelve cent, maroon; twenty cent ultramarine and thirty cent vermilion; but as Mr. J. M. Bartels says in the *Philatelic Gazette*: "It is not likely that the names of the colors as designated by the ink manufacturers will be accepted by philatelists as several of them would certainly seem to be misnomers from the collectors' point of view." The new denominations made advisable by the retirement of the parcel post stamps seem to be impending, anyway.

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The First Envelopes—In connection with the official notice of the first issue of the United States stamped envelopes in the preceding issue the following letter dated Massillon, Stark Co., Ohio, Aug. 17, 1853, is pertinent and piquant: "For information I address these few lines to you in regard to the late Act of Congress about the stamped envelopes on letters manufactured by the United States Post Office Department for the convenience of the public, etc. Am I to pay for the manufacture of them or does the Post Office Department pay its own expense out of its revenue, if I use them? The cause of me making inquiry is that I never saw nor read the law on the subject. Only yesterday I went to the Post Office at Massillon, where I generally do my business, and asked Mr. Shepley, the post master, if he had any of the stamped envelopes to sell and he said that he had and I asked him how he had to sell them by the hundred, and he said $3.20. Then I asked to let me have only three which he did and charged me ten cents for the three. Now, the face of the stamp on the envelope only reads three cents; and why should I pay more than the face? How could they be sold singly and what amount exacted? I wish to know whether it is fraud or not by a post master taking more for them than what they are. I think it must be fraud and if so, is there a penalty, I want it exacted to secure the public from future imposition." This letter was addressed to the Postmaster General at Washington.

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Hand-book Three—Hand-book number three, published by the Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Company, "Goodwin's Specialized United States," has met with a hearty reception; and already, a good part of the edition has been sold. Mr. Frank E. Goodwin's articles on the stamps of the United States that appeared serially in the WEEKLY began with the 1847 issue and ended with the last issue, single line watermark; and collected in their entirety in book form make a work of sixty-eight pages, double column and cover. Mr. Goodwin's articles are descriptive of much of the detail of the U. S. issues and the studies are presented in a way to stimulate the interest of the beginner as well as to meet the expectations of the specialist. Typographically, the work is handsome; and its price, fifty cents, is just about right.

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Our Loss—We were shocked to learn of the death of Charles Byron Bostwick of New York who for many years sustained pleasant relations with us by correspondence. We noticed the growth of Mr. Bostwick's interest in stamps from the time that he began to give them studious attention and he discussed with analytical mind some of the phases of the older British colonials in particular. Mr. Bostwick perhaps is best known as a keen student of the stamps of the Cayman Islands and as co-author with an English specialist of an exhaustive history of the stamps in question. The circumstances of Mr. Bostwick's death were particularly sad and philately has suffered a loss of no little consequence.

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As You Will—"What is the general opinion regarding the propriety of perforating the imperforate side of a stamp with the correct gauge? Is the practice encouraged by the best philatelists as I have been told?" asks, in effect, one of our readers. The question is a "draw" so far as we can learn. The perforating of a blank margin is condoned by not a few collectors whose views on the ethical side of philately are precise. However, we shall not attempt to do the subject in this restricted space but we have to interpose the remark that the industry of supplying perforations has attained no little activity, through improvements in the machines or devices that make perforating an easy task.

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It's A Rogue—Here is an inquiry that takes us back many years: "I have a Confederate ten-cent red of the design of cut 'A4' of the catalogue. It is what would be called a local print and is a good used copy, the date March 4, 1864, showing on the stamp." We recognize an old masquerader in this stamp which is from the "altered plate"—to use an expression all too generous in its meaning—of the small five-cent blue. The "ten-cent red" stamp of this type once had its partizans who stoutly maintained that it was a good and true issue but for many years now, it has been relegated to the underworld of philately; and if by chance it makes its appearance in the decent circles of philately, it is snubbed so mercilessly there that it is glad to become a wanderer again. Colonel Offut of the Confederate postal service is on record as having said that these "lithographic transfers from the design of the 5c, with the word 'FIVE' erased and 'TEN' substituted therefor" were an unrelieved fraud as the stamp was never contemplated, let alone issued. We have a sheet of seventy of these labels in red, and blocks of the impressions in other colors. While a postmark on a stamp may be said to furnish evidence of the postal use of the copy, yet it does not really prove such use.

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Chaos In Cancellations—A new vein has been discovered to us by Mr. J. J. Prendergast; and while it is not of particular richness or importance as it is only an adventitious aid to stamp study, yet it has the feature of novelty. Mr. Prendergast has sent a batch of cover fronts showing "miscues" in cancellations. There are double cancellations and postmarks, misprints and no prints; and this exhibit of errors of the postal machinery has its place in the humbler history of philately.

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The exposition management has offered the society, free of charge, for the purposes of the convention, the use of assembly and exhibit rooms either on or off the exposition grounds, recommending, however, the use of rooms within the one million dollar fire-proof auditorium building, now in course of construction at the Civic Center of San Francisco.

The two local societies, the Pacific Philatelic Society, located in San Francisco, and the Berkeley Philatelic Society, among the members of which are some of the most prominent philatelists in the country, have passed resolutions in which each society has called attention to, and joined in extending the invitation of the exposition management to come to San Francisco during the exposition year, and representatives of the two local societies will attend the 1914 convention of the American society, in August, and there urge the invitation. The membership of these two local societies represents an aggregation of collections which in broadness of scope and completeness will surprise the eastern collector not informed as to the development of the science on the Pacific coast, and the members will endeavor to convince their fellow enthusiasts throughout the country of the peculiar interest Californians have in philately.

The history of the English speaking race in California is exactly contemporaneous with the history of the postage stamp in this country both having in the main developed since 1840. California is now the home of a cultured leisure-loving people; and although philately by reason of its nature is well within the range of the amateur of moderate means, the wide distribution of wealth in this state makes it a fruitful field for the development of this most delightful hobby.

This fact, and the great educational significance of the exposition,—the great hordes of enlightened people who are coming from all over the world to teach and be taught at the exposition, make the benefits to result from the selection of San Francisco as a meeting point in 1915 apparent.

The Bureau of Conventions and Societies of the exposition has already secured 218 conventions for San Francisco during 1915, each to last from three days to two weeks. The daily average of conventions in session throughout the duration of the exposition is already four, and the number will probably be doubled before the opening of the celebration. An amazing proportion of these congresses are educational, and many are international. Among the number are: The International Congress on Education, the International Efficiency Congress, the International Congress of Authors and Journalists, the American Historical Association, the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the American Academy of Medicine, the American School Peace League and the National Education Association. There are also special historical and genealogical societies, and associations of collectors in various sciences too numerous to mention.

It is practically certain that the American Numismatic Association will meet in San Francisco some time in July or August of the exposition year, and, since so many philatelists are interested in numismatology as well, it is hoped to have these two conventions follow one after the other; and, if possible, to have the coin and stamp exhibits located in the same building, preferably in the Auditorium, where the high class of the structure would render the treasures safe, in rooms adjoining each other, and adjoining the assembly halls in which the conventions will be held.

The climatic advantages of San Francisco, which during the months in which the Philatelic Society usually meets (July and August) is unequalled upon the American continent, the lure of an exposition, which in the beauty of its architecture and landscape gardening, and in the perfection of exhibits in all departments, will be unprecedented in the history of exposition building, will not only assure an unequaled attendance of members of the society and of outside amateurs, but will bring large numbers of people of that cultured class from which collectors must be recruited to the exposition and place them in reach of the educative efforts of those collectors fond of exploiting the charms of philately.

In the Palace of Fine Arts there will be assembled a loan collection of art treasures which will surpass any similar art collection ever assembled in any country at any time. This is saying a great deal, but the directorate of the department of Fine Arts is ready to "make good." World famous paintings and great pieces of sculpture that never before have been permitted to leave the galleries and museums of Europe, have been promised for the Fine Arts exhibit, and so complete will be this temporary robbery of the art treasuries of the world, the exposition throughout its entire ten months' duration will be a continuous congress of artists and art lovers. The significance of this is apparent to any collector.

While it is a little premature to talk of the stamp exhibit, it will undoubtedly be of unprecedented interest. The United States government has appropriated a large sum of money to be expended upon a post-office exhibit, and the Post Office Department is being urged to make a complete historical exhibit of United States stamps. If this is made, it will be made as a part of the government exhibit, and will arouse national interest, especially among the schools.

In addition to this, some of the finest collections of stamps in this country are owned by Californians. The monetary value of the collections of specialists residing in the San Francisco Bay district alone amounts to many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

William H. Crocker, vice president of the exposition, is owner of one of the finest, if not the finest, collection of stamps upon the Pacific coast, which he has graciously offered as a nucleus for any exhibit that may be made. Mr. Crocker has specialized in New South Wales stamps, and has an unusually fine collection of Sidney Views, some of them unused. He acquired the nucleus of this collection a year or so ago from the Castle collection, when it was divided and sold by Stanley Gibbons, and has added to it from time to time. The collection includes the rarer varieties, many of them two-plated. He will also exhibit his Mexican collection and his collection of United States stamps, which is one of the most complete in this country, containing among other interesting and rare specimens, a block of four inverted views.

Another interesting exhibit will be of W. J. Gardner's collection of Japanese stamps, undoubtedly the finest ever assembled, which has recently been sold to a San Francisco philatelist. Another probable exhibit will be the magnificent Henry M. Crocker collection, including the Crocker collection of Hawaiian stamps, which has taken so many gold medals at previous exhibitions. Other collections which are owned locally and will probably be available for the exhibit are: The Phillips collection of Western Franks; the Osborn collection of the German Colonies; the Getz collection of the Canal Zone; the Folle collection of Nicaraguan, the Stulz collection of Hawaiian, the Lazarus collection of Chilean stamps and the St. Vincent collection. Also, the Currier collection, which is one of the finest and most complete of general collections anywhere, is owned locally and will be available for the exhibit.

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105 " " U. S. Stamps.
***Arequipa** '81, 10c (No. 7)..... " .35
***Salvador** '97, 1c, 5c four colors..... " .18
* " '93, 2p, 5p..... " .24
Nice Stamp Album holds 546 stamps.
***Nicaragua** '69, 5c black..... " .75
***Honduras** '78-'89, 1c, ½r, 1r, 2r, 1p.. " .29

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Any one of the Melville, Poole or Armstrong Books advertised by us.
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***Antigua** 1882, 1p, 1886, 2½p, 4p..... catalog .55
***St. Christopher** 1882, ½, 1, 4p..... " .38
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Paraguay set of 15 different stamps.
France, 50 different, nice collection.
***Bolivar** 1879, 5c imperf. pair..... " .50
Labuan '97, 1c to 24c, 9 var..... " .89
No. Borneo '94, 1c to 24c, 9 var..... " .93
" '97, 1c to 24c, 9 var..... " .60
***Salvador** 1911 Oficial. Nos. 793-800.. " .89
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	CAT.	NET
LIBERIA 1909, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50, 75c complete, beauties, (illustrated) -	$3.61	$1.58
" " Official 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50, 75c complete, (beauties) - -	3.55	1.58
" 1906, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50, 75c, $1.00, $2.00, $5.00 complete, beauties		7.75
" " Official 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50, 75c, $1.00, $2.00, $5.00 complete		7.75

	CAT. PRICE.	OURS
" 1909, 1, 2, 5, 10c - -	$0.41	$0.17
" " 1,2,5,10,15,20c, handsome set	1.11	.48
1909 Official 1, 2, 5, 10c - - -	$0.41	$0.17
" " 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20c	1.06	.48

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" 1913. 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 50pa, 1, 2, 5 per - - - - - - -	1.68
" 1907, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 50p, 1, 2, 5k - - - - - Cat. $2.05	.89
" " 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 50p, - - - - - - - - " .65	.29
" " Dues 5, 10, 25, 50p - - - - - - - - - - - -	.22



NORTH BORNEO, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c - - - - - - - - - - - -	$0.15
" " 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20 on 18, 24c - - - - - - -	.49
" " 1909-11, 18, 25, 50c, $1.00, $2.00 - - - - - - - - - -	1.90



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1887, 1sh rose* - - -	$0.75	$0.23
" 2sh 6p red violet* - - -	1.50	.49
1895, 3p on 2p* - - -	.35	.13
1899, 1sh rose* - - - -	.50	.16
" 2sh 6p violet* - - -	1.25	.42
1896, 2½p black* - - -	.20	.07



Congo 1910, 5, 10, 15c - -	$0.13	$0.05
" " 25c blue and black -	.12	.05
Hawaii 1893, 25c purple* - -	1.50	.69
Portugal Dues 1898, 50, 100, 200r -		.73
Transvaal 1895, 1sh green - -	1.00	.35
Indo China 1904, 1fr - - -	.15	.07
China 1913, $1 "Republic" -		.39

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" 11 red and black*, No. 194 " .10
" 21 orange and black*, No. 195, " .10



Rare Nyassa 1903 Provisionals

65r on 80r,	No. 44*	- -	.95
115r on 150r,	45*	- - -	1.25
130r on 300r,	46*	- - -	1.60
5r on 2 1-2r,	49	- - -	.40 .17
50r on 100r,	50	- - -	.75 .29
1903, Nos. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43,*		- -	.46 .18



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1r on 2r orange*,	No. 260c	-	cat. .30	.14
1r on 1t red*,	261	-	.30	.14
2r on 2 1-2r*	267	-	.50	.22
3r on 2 1-2r*	269	-	.50	.23
6r on 9r*	273	-		1.00
No. 283 or 284*		-	.10	.05
1r on 2r orange,	283b*	-	.30	.14
1r on 5r brown,	285*	-	.15	.09
6r on 9r*	289	-	.20	.10



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1873, 7c vermilion	.75	.37
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90c blue*	15.00	6.75
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2c green*	5.00	2.35
7c, 10c green*	3.00	1.35
12c, 15 green*	4.50	1.90
24c green*	8.50	3.85
30c green*	7.00	3.10
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Dominican Rep. 1899, 4p brown*	4.00	2.35
Albania on Turkey 1913, 1pi	..	1.60
Albania on Turkey 1913, 2pi	..	2.40
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EDITORIAL.

A Hobby for Both Poor and Rich.

Some months ago we penned a few editorial remarks concerning the way in which several collectors had swept the board of prizes at the philatelic exhibition held in Paris last year. Unintentionally our comments gave, we are afraid, offense to one or two collectors who, proud in the knowledge that their collections were practically unbeatable were, naturally enough, desirous of securing gold medals. At the more recently held New York Exhibition it will be remembered that a well-known collector secured, with his superb exhibits, a big number of gold medals. This being the case, what chance has the newcomer of competing against such well-established collections, with any hope of securing a coveted reward, unless the classical exhibits are, to a certain extent, placed *hors concours?*

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No mention is made of the nature of the three awards of honour, but we trust that they will take the form of a tasteful but inexpensive diploma or certificate. Once a collection reaches such a state of perfection that it can compete in the class of honour, we would have it barred from competition with its more humble rivals, enabling the newcomer to enter the lists without feeling that he has to compete against accumulated time and money. As the more recently formed collections increased in bulk and in research they would automatically climb to the honour class; once there they would compete, but not for medals, against the classical denizens of Olympus, which in their turn have, in most cases, not stood still.

One well-known philatelist once pointed out to us that, in his opinion, no collector had the right to enter his collection at any exhibition unless he had spent a good deal of time and money on its formation; if he did it served him right that he should have the pleasure (!) of seeing more wealthy collectors secure the medals. The same collector frankly admitted that he exhibited simply to gain awards, which although of slight intrinsic value, helped to compensate for the entrance fees and other sums expended, while above all, they increased the financial value of the collection.

Stamp collecting is fortunately, a hobby for the poor as well as for the rich, and although the majority of the prizes naturally fall to the latter, we should like to see some scheme suggested making it more possible for the keen philatelist with a small banking account to compete on a more level footing with the wealthy collector who, not knowing enough to do his own buying, has to leave his collection to be formed by some enterprising dealer.

Such a scheme, we are afraid, like many more we have assisted at the conception of, is too Utopian ever to see the light; nevertheless, we are glad to see that the Cassel Committee have recognized that it is not fair for collectors who have already taken large gold medals to dwarf the endeavours of more humble competitors.—*P. J. of G. B.*

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A nice used copy of the 5 cents Philippines, 1899, Scott's No. 216, with surcharge inverted is in New York. It came from Manila.

Inverted "Philippines" surcharges seem to be all the rage here these days; one of the Filipino collectors has the 2 cents, 1904, shield type, and the 5 cents of 1899, with nicely counterfeited surcharges. He also has the U. S. 1895, 1 cent dark blue, and the 10 cent dark green, beautiful dark shades, with "Philippines" surcharges, unused, that he claims to have obtained in Europe. These stamps were never issued with the surcharge here, though without any surcharge they were on sale for a while.

When the Americans first took over the post office in Manila they brought with them a supply of the 1895 issue, all values up to the $1 black, and all of the Omaha series up to the $1 value, and all of these may be found with the Manila postmark, though most of them are hard to locate.

Somebody with a "pull" is evidently working the surcharging business overtime, for there is a reprinted 2 cents of 1903, Scott's No. 227, with a double surcharge. The surcharge is genuine to all appearance, but the shade is one that was never seen during the life of the stamp here. These things are the veriest rubbish, as they were issued from the U. S. and were never in the hands of the post office authorities here.

The 4 centavo stamp with the single-lined watermark has not yet shown up, though all the rest of the set is in use.

There are about six distinct shades of the special delivery stamp, ranging from light ultramarine to deep blue-green, or greenish blue. Some of them are very hard to get.

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The success of the Kansas City Philatelic Society is assured. At our second meeting held March 6th, forty-one collectors attended the first of a series of monthly auctions to be held by the society. Only fifty lots were sold at this first sale and you will find enclosed a priced catalog. The sale was well patronized and the lots all brought good prices. Wm. C. Michaels acted as auctioneer.

The society has received quite a lot of free advertising thru the newspapers, and a great many collectors who had remained in obscurity heretofore turned out to help the cause along. The promotors are very optimistic about the society's future and we believe nothing can stop us now.—O. P. LUTHER.

A PLEA FOR THE SMALL DEALER.

(NOTE.—A good suggestion and we will try it on in the early fall.—EDITOR.)

I have been a reader of your paper for about ten years and always anxious to receive my current number. In the past you have turned out a number of splendid special numbers and they have proven of great value in recruiting our hobby.

During the past year you have been encouraging the small dealers in various ways. I suggest that you make your next special number a "Dealer's Number." Get as many of the wholesalers to advertise something of special interest to the little dealer. You have shown the little fellows all the tricks of advertising, etc. Now then show them where to get their stock. I presume very few of the little fellows have any idea of where they can buy wholesale consignments. Show them how to keep track of the approval sheets they send out. What kind of card systems are used by the "big fellows." You should try and get a number of foreign wholesale ads in this special number.

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(Continued from page 95.)

A plate number book leaf, No. 5038 shows that the engravers attempted to remove the plate number after it had been engraved too close to the design. This is not strictly a variety in the stamp but it is of interest to me. The layout lines are quite distinct around the numerals of the plate number on a book pane from plate No. 6053. The upper left hand stamp from plate number pane No. 6047 is a double transfer, the frame line and parts of the letters being double in places. Such details as these which are constantly occurring add an element of interest to the booklet issues.

Relative to the plate numbers on these book panes it is evident that they are quite scarce in view of the fact that they are not easily found even when they do exist, on account of their being concealed by the binding edge of the book and from the fact that but one pane in sixty has a plate number. The plates are numbered at top and bottom but the lower margin is trimmed off in the course of manufacture and the plate number will never be found except at the top of the pane. It has been stated by the writer and by several other interested students that if one pane of a book of stamps is found to have the plate number, an immediate consequence is that the remaining panes will have plate numbers because in collecting the sheets of stamps and in cutting the sheets into strips of panes and in cutting these strips into single panes of six stamps, the relative positions of any two stamps in two sheets are maintained. This is a normal and reasonable supposition and up to a recent date it has been verified by the facts in the case as far as the writer is concerned. A recent purchase of a lot of stamp books has destroyed the value of this theory to a considerable extent. There were about ten books of the 25c, 1c 1912 variety which contained one or more plate number panes. Several books had four panes with plate numbers. Two had one plate number pane and three "blank" panes. Three more had two plate number panes and two "blank" panes while several had three plate number panes and but one "blank" pane. This series of variations has not been found in connection with the two cent stamp as far as we know at present. There was no evidence to show that the "blank" panes were plate number panes on which the plate number had not been inked as each pane was carefully examined with that thought in mind, neither was there any "offset" evidence on the backs of the blank panes to show that their position after having been printed was immediately above a plate number pane.

For a system to be used in classifying the minor differences to be found in these book panes the writer has adopted that suggested and used by Geo. H. Beans in the May, 1913 number of *Everybody's Philatelist*. Each pane of six stamps is given a distinctive number by means of which it can be referred to without mistaking it for another book pane and each distinctive plate line variety, etc., is given a letter to distinguish it from others which differ from it in any important detail.

Referring to Figure 1, which is designed to illustrate the layout of the first plates used for printing the stamps used in stamp booklets it is found that there are the following distinct varieties:

A. The common or "normal" pane with no distinguishing marks, of which there are 15 panes to each sheet.

B. An arrow pane in which a part of the arrow in pane 5 shows on the upper right hand corner of the pane, of which there is one to each sheet.

C. An arrow pane in which the arrow in pane 6 shows in the upper left corner of the pane, of which there is one to each sheet.

D. The plate number pane in which the plate number shows on the margin of the upper left hand stamp.

E. The horizontal guide line shows between the two upper rows of stamps in each pane and there are eight of these panes to each sheet.

F. The left "center" pane in which the horizontal guide line shows across the pane and the vertical guide line shows on the right margin, *provided* that in trimming this pane the margin was left wide enough to show this vertical guide line, which, if cut off, would

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38	British Guiana 1862, No. 23, nice copy, two straight edges	20.00
40	British Honduras 1882-88-91, No. 13, 22, 28, 33, 35, mint, o. g.	2.35
41	Canada Jub. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 15c, $2, all fine copies, 6c mint, o. g.	3.58
42	Cape Good Hope 1855, 1p, good copy, No. 3a	3.50
43	1855, 4p, good copy, No. 4	.75
44	1864-96, 16 var., all used, nice copies	2.70
45	Ceylon 1864, ½p, No. 45, mint, fine	1.75
46	Ceylon 1864, 6p fine copy, light canl. No. 52	1.75
47	Congo Free State, 1894 to 1900, 9 var., 5 o. g.	2.41
48	Cuba 1874, 75, 82, Nos. 59, 65, 103b, splits on part cov. rare	..
49	Cyprus 1886, ½pi, No. 26 o. g. fine copy, mint	12.50
50	Danish W. I. 1873 to 1900, 7 var. 5 o. g.	1.91
51	1873, No. 13A, 50c mint, o. g.	2.50
52	Dominica 1883, ½p mint, no gum.	1.50
53	Grenada 1861, 1p nice copy, no canl.	3.00
54	Gt. Britain 1855, 1p red, o. g., fine mint copy, No. 11	2.50
55	Gt. Britain 1862, 9p straw, No. 40, fine used copy, one s. edge	3.00
56	Gt. Britain 1840, 1p red canl. on cov. No. 2, 1 block of 6, No. 33	..
57	Gt. Britain Mulready Env., nice condition, never used	..
58	Hamburg 1864-66, ½, 1, 2, fine copies	1.65
59	Hawaii 1864 to 99, 14 var., 7 mint copies, o. g., nice for dealers	4.32
60	Hawaii 1889 to 96, 14 var., 12 mint copies o. g.	3.59
61	Hong Kong 1863, 6 var., 4, 6, 12, 24, 30, 96, used	3.75
62	Guatemala 1875, 86-98, 9 va., fair lot	1.66
63	Griqualand No. 83s, ½p mint	2.00
64	India 1865, 8a centred E, otherwise nice copy, No. 25	5.00
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72	1876-80-87, 5 var., 4 o. g.	1.55
73	1897, 6 var., all o. g., face 79c.	1.62
74	New South Wales 1860, 1sh very fine copy	1.00
75	1853, 1sh No. 31B fine sup. copy	12.50
76	Niger Coast 1893, ½, 2½, 5p, all mint, o. g., fine	3.00
77	Niger Coast 1894, ½, 1, 5, & 1sh, all mint, fine	1.53
78	No. Borneo 1893-97, 14 var., all used, nice copies	1.77
79	Persia 1879-80, Nos. 41, 44, 45, used copies	1.05
80	Persia 1881-83, Nos. 50, 51, 52, 59, used	1.50
81	St. Helena 1896, ½ to 10p, all mint, o. g.	1.55
82	St. Lucia 1864, No. 7, very fine copy, 1p	1.25
83	St. Vincent 1871, No. 13 1p black, superb copy	1.25
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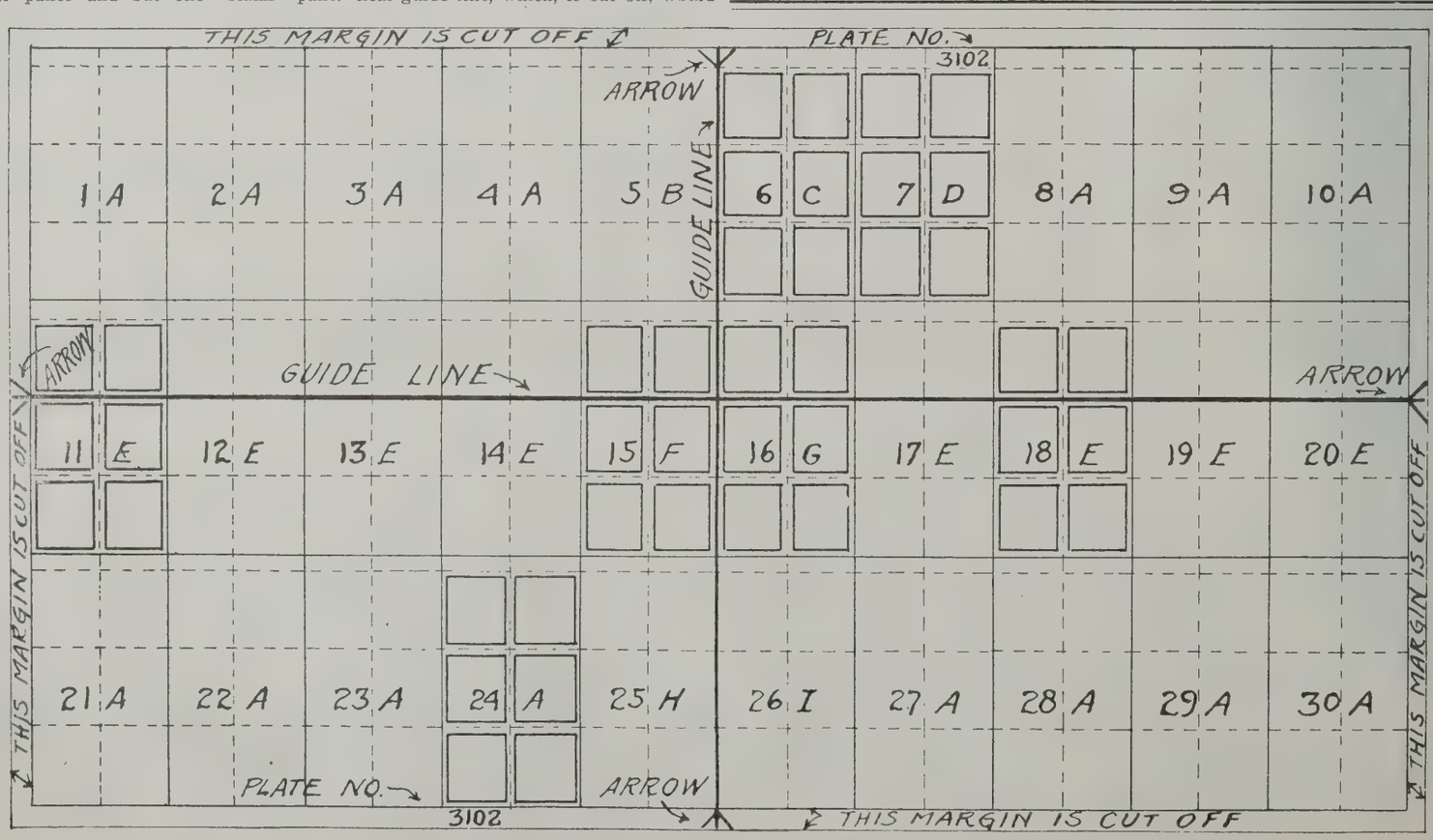


FIG. 1.—Stamp book plate of 180 subjects used prior to May 1, 1909. Dotted lines indicate perforations.

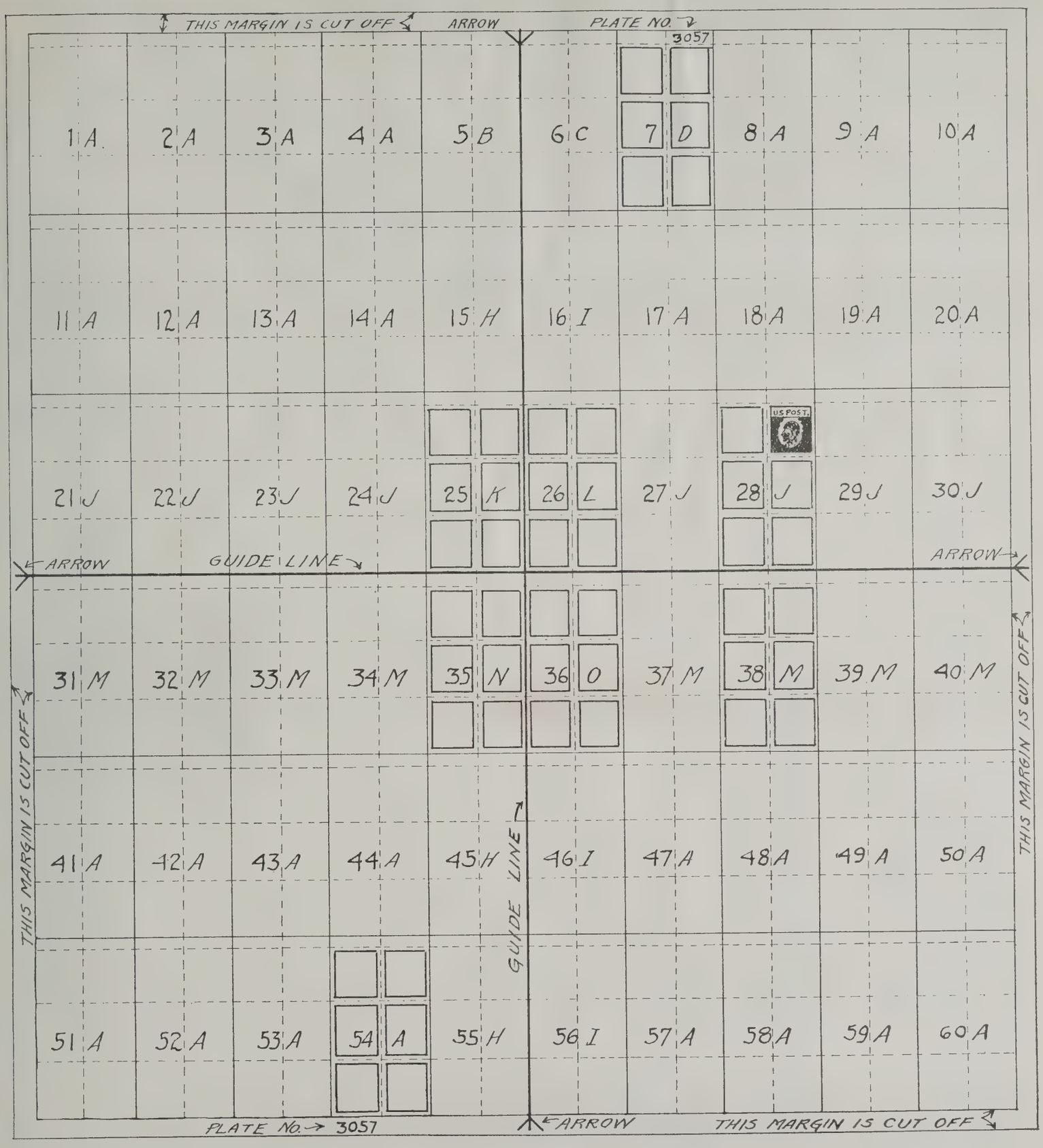


FIG. 2. — Stamp book plate of 360 subjects used subsequent to May 1, 1909. Dotted lines indicate perforations.

leave this pane one of the commoner "E" varieties with the horizontal guide line only.

G. The right "center" pane which shows the horizontal guide line and also the vertical guide line on the left margin, provided it has not been cut off as noted in the case of variety "F".

It is evident that there is a very slight chance of there being cut from the same sheet, both center blocks as in that case the knife would have to exactly bisect a line less than one one hundredth of an inch wide.

H. The left pane showing the vertical guide line on the right margin.

I. The right pane showing the vertical guide line on the left margin.

It will be noted that there can be but one plate number pane, one "center" pane and one pane of variety H or I, for each sheet of 180 stamps.

The foregoing nine varieties and the remarks concerning them are generally applicable to the first issues, printed in sheets of 180. The differences will be noted by a study of Figure 2 which is a plate layout of the plate used for printing stamp books at the present time.

This plate carries 360 subjects arranged in twenty vertical rows of eighteen stamps, the whole being divided into sixty book panes.

In this later plate there will be found minor varieties as follows:

A. Common or normal pane without guide lines or distinguishing marks of which there are 31 panes per sheet.

B. Left arrow pane, of which there is but one per sheet.

C. Right arrow pane of which there is but one per sheet.

D. The plate number pane of which there is one per sheet. The plate number shows on the upper margin.

E. There are no panes in this newer plate which shows the horizontal guide line between two rows of stamps on the same pane.

F. There are no panes on this newer plate which show the intersection of the guide lines except at the corners of the panes.

G. See remarks for variety F. which apply.

H. Ordinary pane which shows the vertical guide line on the right margin of which there are three to each sheet.

I. Ordinary pane which shows the vertical guide line on the left margin of which there are three to each sheet.

J. Pane showing the horizontal guide line on the bottom edge. There are

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38	50	Bulgaria 1889, 30s	2.00
39	100	Canada 1869-72, 1c	3.00
40	200	Canada 1869-90, 3c	4.00
41	200	Canada 1897, 2c maple leaf	4.00
42	200	Canada 1897, 3c	2.00
43	200	Canada 1898, 1c	2.00
44	200	Canada 1898, 2c purple	2.00
45	200	Canada 1898, 3c	2.00
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69	200	Costa Rica 1910, 1c	4.00
70	100	Cuba 1899, 2c, No. 228	2.00
71	50	Cuba 1899, 3c, No. 229	3.00
72	50	Cuba 1899, 10c, No. 231	3.00
73	10	Denmark, 1905, 100 ore	3.00
74	200	Dutch Indies 1901, 5c	4.00
75	100	Dutch Indies 1906, 20c	3.00
76	20	Egypt, 1889, 10 pia	2.40
77	50	Finland, 1902, 1 Mark	5.00
78	50	Grenada 1895, 1p	3.00
79	50	Grenada 1902, 1p	3.00
80	100	Grenada 1906-08, ½p	5.00
81	100	Grenada 1906-08, 1p	4.00
82	100	Cyprus 1904, ½pia	2.00
83	100	Cyprus 1907-08, 5pa	3.00
84	100	Cyprus 1907-08, 10pa	4.00
85	25	sets Honduras 1903, 1-10c	4.00
86	25	sets Honduras 1907, 1-10c	4.25
87	200	India 1902, 3p	4.00
88	100	Italy 1906, 40c	2.00
89	100	Italy 1906, 50c	2.00
90	100	Jamaica 1885, ½p	2.00
91	100	Jamaica 1889, 1p	2.00
92	100	Mexico 1899, 1c	2.00
93	100	Mexico 1899, 3c	3.00
94	100	Mexico 1899, 15c	8.00
95	50	Mexico 1899, 20c	2.50
96	100	Netherlands 1898, 1gld	4.00
97	200	Netherlands 1899, 20c	4.00
98	200	Netherlands 1899, 50c	4.00
99	25	Newfoundland 1880, 3c	5.00
100	25	Newfoundland 1887, 3c	3.75
101	100	Nicaragua 1912, 10c	5.00
102	100	Paraguay 1911, 1c unused	2.00
103	100	Paraguay 1913, 1c unused	2.00
104	200	Spain 1909, 10c	2.00
105	200	Spain 1909, 15c	2.00
106	200	Spain 1909, 25c	2.00
107	200	Spain 1900, 25c	2.00
108	100	Straits Settlements 1908, 1c	2.00
109	200	Sweden 1891-2, 15 ore	2.00
110	200	Sweden 1891-2, 20 ore	4.00
111	200	Sweden 1891-2, 25 ore	4.00
112	200	Sweden 1891-2, 30 ore	2.00
113	200	Switzerland 1907-8, 40c	2.00
114	200	Switzerland 1907-8, 50c	2.00
115	200	Switzerland 1907-8, 1fr	4.00
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L. "Center" pane showing guide lines at left and at bottom. One per sheet.

M. Pane showing guide line along top margin. Eight panes per sheet.

N. "Center" pane showing guide lines along top margin and right edge, of which there is one pane per sheet.

O. "Center" pane showing guide lines along left edge and top margin, of which there is one pane per sheet.

This completes the list of normal varieties. Of the various double transfers and similar abnormal features which are more or less common in these booklet issues, enough has been said to awaken the collector to the fact that these interesting things exist and are found with surprising regularity by specialists who have learned "how to look."

As the reader probably knows, these books are sold in denominations varying from the 25c book containing either twenty-four 1c stamps or twelve 2c stamps, to the 97c book which contains forty-eight 2c stamps. The department has recently issued a "compound" book in which there may be found both the 1c and the 2c denominations. This is a convenience inspired by the increased use of postcards and the fact that a two cent stamp is more desirable for many reasons for use on a letter. This combination of requirements has created a demand for the combination boon and the recently issued variety is the answer to the demand. It is already popular but the sales are not as great as those of the other denominations which is due to the fact that the public is not generally aware of the innovation.

An interesting fact in connection with the stamps issued in booklet form is that the watermark is at right angles to the watermark as found in the ordinary series issued in sheets of 100 stamps. The early attempts of the perverted fakers who tried to trim the stamps issued in the booklets so as to imitate the rare government part perforates was to no small extent frustrated by the difference in the position of the watermarks.

(*To be continued.*)

UNIVERSAL PENNY POSTAGE IN A YEAR

PARIS, March 22.—Sir John Henniker Heaton, "Father of the Anglo-American penny postage system," in a speech before the British Chamber of Commerce in Paris tonight prophesied the introduction of a universal 2 cent postage rate within a year.

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

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UNITED STATES.—In re the surcharged stamps for Shanghai, recently announced on the authority of foreign contemporaries, the following copy of a letter from the Postal Agent at Shanghai will clear up the mystery.

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CANAL ZONE.—We are indebted to Gerald D. Bliss for information to the effect that the new Canal Zone postage due stamps were issued on March 14 and specimens of the 1c and 2c values are submitted. The regular U. S. postage due stamps are given an overprint of the words "CANAL ZONE" printed diagonally across the lower part of the stamp in *sans serif* capital letters. The surcharge is in black and three values, 1c, 2c and 10c are reported.

EGYPT.—The 5m of the Pyramid type was overprinted "O. H. H. S." for official use late in 1913, without the Arabic inscription.

GREECE.—The 20l, 40l and 50l of the 1911 type have appeared in lithographed form.

HUNGARY.—The 30 and 35 filler and the 2 korona stamps have been issued on white paper with the new watermark. According to the *Post u. Telegrafen-Verordungsblatt* the current stamps of Bosnia (with the exception of postage due and journal stamps) have been on sale since February 1 of this year at the chief post office in Vienna and in the offices of the larger towns of the province.

NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke reports having received advices from Nicaragua, to the effect that the Government is again short of stamps, and as the receipt of the new issue, now being printed by the American Bank Note Co. may be delayed for some time, further provisional issues are being made. The higher values of the official series of 1911-12 have been pressed into service, with "Vale—c0.02" in two lines and the word "Oficial" obliterated by a thick black line formed of two thin rules. Two values have been seen, the surcharge being the same, except for the necessary change in value. We are also indebted to A. W. Dunning for specimens of the new provisionals. All surcharges are in black.

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"c0.05" on 5p light blue.

NORWAY.—Re the Jubilee stamps, which will be issued on account of the centenary of independence in Norway, we learn some more news from the Norwegian Press, says *Ewen's Weekly*. Three values, the 5, 10 and 20 öre will appear representing a copy of the painting by *Wergelang*, showing the constitutional assembly of the Imperial States at Eidsvold. These stamps will be issued on May 1, and the printing works of the Norwegian Bank have already commenced with the printing of same. The plate has been engraved by Professor *Schirnböck*, of *Vienna*, who was the engraver of the attractive Franz-Joseph set of Austria. In the centre of the picture one sees the Stadtholder of the Danish king, Prince Christian August; around him are seated the deputies of the Norwegian Public who advise the "Grundlov" (Constitution of the Empire). The colours of the three stamps are in conformity with the condition of the Postal Union: 5 öre green, 10 öre red, 20öre blue. Originally it was the intention to print in total 43 million stamps of the three values, but for the present half the quantity will suffice. The most gratifying fact is that this Jubilee issue is to be restricted to the three lowest denominations, which are the values most in demand for general use.

SWITZERLAND.—Baron A. de Reuterskiöld informs *Gibbons' Journal* that the Swiss stamps are now perforated by a *comb* machine, instead of by the *harrow* machine in use up to the present. The gauge is the same, 11½, but the bottom and side margins are perforated, so that the comb must do two panes at once; in the outside margin there are two extra holes.

TURKEY.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new postage due set, issued with the pictorial series of postage stamps. The stamps are nearly square, 21x24 mm. All are of different designs though the Toughra and the Star and Crescent occupy prominent places. The 1pi has a trophy of flags, arms and cannon, surmounted by a shield and the Toughra in a rayed field. With a solid background and printed in a rich strong color, the stamp presents a very handsome appearance. The other values are full of Arabesques, with Arabic inscriptions, and while not unpleasing are inferior in appearance to the 1pi. All have the values in both French and Turkish, the word "Chiffre-Tax" being prominently displayed.

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S. P. A. BRANCH AT INDIANAPOLIS.

At the S. P. A. convention held in Wichita, Kans., last September, no place for the next convention was set, thinking that when the time came for the annual call a place would suggest itself far more suitable than could be set at that time. Through the enterprise of Edward T. Wallis of Indianapolis, a meeting was held Friday, March 13, for the sole purpose of organizing a club to entertain and bid for the S. P. A. convention to be held this summer. Incidently, the club will take a prominent place in the hearts of Indianapolis collectors.

The following officers of the coming Branch of the S. P. A. were elected: President, T. C. Whallon, 535 Lemcke Bldg.; Sec'y-Treas., E. A. Smith, 410 E. 10th St.; Auction and Sales Mgr., E. T. Wallis, 5802 Oak Ave. Eleven collectors were present at this first meeting, an attendance of which the new club can well be proud. Several have promised to be present at the next meeting. A material increase in membership is a surety.

The S. P. A. was invited to hold its next convention in Indianapolis somewhere between Sept. 8-15. It has been the custom of the S. P. A. to hold its convention in September and it is highly probable that the invitation may be accepted. The Sec'y-Treas. of the new club wrote a very enthusiastic letter to the Sec'y-Treas. of the S. P. A. in which he promised—as had other members also done personally—that Indianapolis would not be found wanting if the convention was held there.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 7.30 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., March 17, 1914.

The 310th meeting was held at the Club Room this evening with President Barry in the chair and 41 members and friends present.

The Secretary read a report from the Council which announced that a Society Collection would be started and that anything offered for it, including essays, specimens, proofs, etc., would be included, subject to the general supervision of a Curator, to which position Mr. A. Parker Brown was appointed.

The Council also voted to do more to make the Informal meetings attractive; to drop the subscription to the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt;* to rescind the Society vote concerning the sale of the so-called proofs of essays and refer the matter to the next meeting; to appoint an Auction Purchasing Agent to act for members free of charge at all Boston auctions, and to appoint agents in other cities if possible. Mr. A. Parker Brown was appointed Agent for Boston.

The Council elected Mr. Charles S. Hill as Foreign Secretary in place of Mr. Philip Wolff, deceased.

The following was presented:—

Library Report for Jan., Feb. and March.

Received by purchase: Report of the Literature Com., A. P. S., August, 1913; Glossary of Philatelic Terms (Philatelic Congress of Great Britain). Received by donation: 26 unpriced auction catalogs, 437 odd numbers of magazines, and 54 price lists from A. W. Dunning; Manual of the Springfield Stamp Club, 1913, from that Club; Standard Local Catalog, 1913, from Scott Stamp & Coin Co.; 2nd Annual Report of the Wellington (N. Z.) Junior Philatelic Society; Heusinger's International Address Book, 1914, from the publisher. Bound—"The Postage Stamp," Vols. 5, 8 & 9.

Received the current numbers of the following magazines generously contributed by the publishers: Gibbons' Monthly, Mekeel's Weekly, Stamp Journal, Postage Stamp, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Circular, Philatelic Gazette, Collectors' Monthly, British Guiana Philatelic Journal, New Yorker Briefmarken-Zeitung and Mitteilungen des Oberelsassichen Philatelisten-Klubs.

A communication was read concerning the new Childrens' Museum at Pine Bank Park, Jamaica Plains. Resignations were received from Nos. 454 and 523. The application of Mr. Howard S. Wheeler was posted. Mr. A. T. Comstock was elected to membership as No. 590. It was voted to lay the matter of the so-called proofs of essays on the table until the next meeting.

The following obituary resolutions were adopted:—

WHEREAS. it has been the will of Providence that one of our Officers, a young man of great promise, should be suddenly taken from amongst us, almost without our knowing it, and

WHEREAS, our confidence in him had been shown by re-electing him twice to the position of Foreign Secretary, which he, by his linguistic attainments was particularly fitted to fill; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we hereby place on record our appreciation of the work he did for us and of his interest in the society; and our expression of deep regret, not only at losing an officer and fellow member but at the untimely death of a bright young man; and we hereby extend to his family our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these expressions be recorded in our minutes and a copy forwarded to the family of our late associate.

Mr. Brown gave a brief idea of the scope of the proposed Society Collection and announced the first gifts toward it.

A list of delinquent members was presented for action and it was voted that the Secretary notify each one that their name would be dropped at the April meeting unless heard from previous to that time.

Mr. Frank L. Coes of Worcester then gave a talk on the Russian Rural stamps, which proved very interesting as few of our members know anything about them. He also exhibited a portion of his fine collection of these stamps, which showed that for variety, design, color and general interest of detail they can hardly be surpassed by any other group. The collection was certainly an eye-opener for most of the members.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Coes.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

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3	1851-56, 3c on cover, blue canc.	..
4	1862-66, 5c, No. 76, used, off cent.	.85
5	1869, 12c, unused, no gum	4.00
6	1870-71, 2c, No. 146, unused, no gum, off centre	.60
7	1870-71, 12c, No. 151, used, off centre	.60
8	1870-71, 12c, No. 151, used, off centre	.60
9	1870-71, 24c, No. 153, used, faded, def.	1.50
10	1890, 90c, beautiful used pair	1.50
11	Columbian, $1, unused, o. g., fine	3.00
12	Columbian, $1, used, rubbed, fair	3.00
13	Columbian, $2, unused, o. g., fine	3.50
14	Columbian, $2, used, good	3.00
15	1902, 1c, imperf, unused block of 4	..
16	1902, 1c imperf., unused block of 8, with top imprint and plate No.	..
17	1902, 1c imperf., unused block of 6, with left imprint and plate No.	..
18	1902, 2c flags, No. 301, unused block of 4, beautiful, but vertical pair creased	1.40
19	1902, $2, No. 312, used fine	2.25
20	1903, 2c shield, imperf., unused block of 6,with top imprint and plate No.	..
21	1903, 2c shield, imperf., unused strip of 3, with bottom imprint and plate No.	..
22	Lincoln 2c, imperf., unused block of 4, with right arrow and centre line	..
23	Alaska-Yukon, 2c, imperf., unused centre block of 4, with crossed lines	..
24	Hudson-Fulton, 2c, imperf., unused strip of 3, with left imprint and plate No.	..
25	1908-09, 2c imperf., unused centre block of 4, with crossed lines	..
26	1908-09, 3c, No. 325a, imperf., unused centre block of 4,with crossed lines	..
27	1908-09, 13c, No. 331, on cover, fine.	..
28	41 var. U. S. postage, 1890-1908, used	1.26
29	Justice, 12c, very fine, never hinged	3.00
30	State, 7c, unused o. g., beauty	3.00
31	Treasury, 7c, un'd,never hinged,beauty	2.50
32	War, 1c, No. 352, unused, damaged	2.50
33	War, 7c, unused, never hinged, superb	2.00
34	War, 90c, un'd, never hinged, very fine	1.00
35	11 var. Interior, Treas. & War Depts., used and unused, three defective	1.54
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38	1853-55, 3c on buff, die 2, used, cut sq.	.75
39	1853-55, 10c on buff, No. 1317, used, cut to shape	2.00
40	1853-55, 10c on buff, die 2, cut to shape, mounted, used	2.00
41	1857-61, 1c on buff, No. 1328, used, entire, fine	..
42	1857-61, 1c on buff, unused, cut sq.	1.00
43	War Env., 3c on blue, entire	..
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44	25c Ins., double perf. top and bottom.	..
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47	13 var. U. S. Revenues, all damaged.	1.29
48	Match Stamps, 10 var., small defects.	1.35
49	Medicine Stamps, 9 var., small defects	1.23
50	New York State Revenues, 10 var.	..
51	10 2c Shermack III, part perfs.on cov.	..
52	50 Precancels on covers, 1c to 8c, many varieties	..
53	46 Precan's. on cov. some duplicates	..
54	10 New York Permits, No. 303, on covers, with 2c stamps over	..
55	68 Permits on covers, many duplicates	..
56	33 diff. Paid Permits on covers	..
57	1898-99, 10c on cover, mailed at Shanghai, China, with Registr'n stamp and monogram of Shanghai Club	..
58	Blood's Penny Post, on cover, bronze on lilac. defective	..
59	McGreeley's Express, 25c blue, issued during Klondyke gold craze, block of 4, full gum	..
60	Same, unused block of 6, no gum	..
61	One pound common U. S., not soaked	..
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64	Argentine, Official, Nos. 265 & 286.	.90
65	Barbados, ½d, No. 15a, used	2.50
66	Barbados, 1871, 1d, No. 29, used	1.00
67	Bavaria, 1862, 18kr, No. 14, used, trimmed close at lower right	1.25
68	Bermuda, 1d & 2d, Nos. 1 and 2, used	1.50
69	Bermuda, 2d, No. 2, used, 1 str. edge	.75
70	Bermuda, Nos. 15 and 18, used	.80
71	Brazil, 1876, 500r, No. 67, used	.60
72	Bremen, 10gr, No. 7, used, corners gone at right; space filler	15.00
73	Br. Guiana, 24c, No. 68, used	1.25
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THE STAMPS OF OLDENBURG.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

THE FIRST ISSUE (*Continued*).

The same design served for all three values and this has a strong resemblance to that adopted for the first issue of Hanover. Writing in the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* in 1874 with regard to these stamps Mr. Overy Taylor said, "The early issues of Oldenburg are remarkable for their neatness and finish. They have the same kind of artistic primness as their Hanoverian contemporaries. There is the same combination, at any rate in the first series, of the useful numeral of value with the decorative coat of arms; and there is the same peculiarity noticeable in them as in many of the other old German stamps—they are rigidly rectangular. Whatever vagaries of ornamentation may be allowed in the centre of the German stamps of the ante-Prussian days, their exterior border is always composed of a neatly ruled double-lined rectangle. Other stamps might take oval, octagonal, hexagonal, or sinuous edged frames, the German engravers stuck fast to their four-sided ideal; and it must be admitted that their productions are not lacking in a certain grave and well-balanced appropriateness. The first Oldenburg type is an example in point. The arms are very carefully and clearly drawn, though on a small scale; the shield, containing the value is fancifully designed; and the scroll, which frames it on three sides, falls in graceful folds; whilst the subordinate foliate ornaments and shading relieve and harmonise with the prominent features."

It should be noted that the arms on the mantle and coronet above are the ducal and not the grand-ducal ones.

The design for each value was engraved separately so that there are many differences apart from those of the facial values. The engravings were made on stone and from these transfers were taken on specially prepared paper and laid down on the printing stone in ten rows of ten. An exact description of the process followed is given in a letter dated January 24th, 1859, which was sent by the Oldenburg postoffice to the Postal Administration of Luxemburg in reply to the latter's enquiry as to the method and cost of manufacturing postage stamps. Mr. Duerst translates the important part of this letter as follows:

One drawing of the stamp is made with a diamond point and a steel needle on a hard, well-polished, blue lithographed stone, and as many copies are taken on prepared Chinese paper as there are to be stamps on the plate (in this case 100). These are then fixed in straight lines on paper, (in this instance in ten rows of ten), and transferred in this form to another stone. After these transfers have been retouched the plate is ready for printing.

There are three generally recognized varieties of type of the 1/30 and 1/15 thaler values and though Scott's catalogue does not differentiate between them it is as well to know how to identify them as some are rarer than others.

The three varieties of the 1/30 thaler may be distinguished as follows:—

Type I.—The ornament in the lower part of the shield joins the left stroke of the H of THALER.

Type II.—The ornament does not touch the H but is 1 mm. distant from that letter.

Type III.—The ornament is rounded and still farther away from the letter H.

The accompanying illustrations should clearly demonstrate the differences. Types I and III are about equal in value while type II is three times as rare as the others.

The distinguishing marks of the three types of the 1/15 thaler are as follows:—

Type I.—The letter H of THALER is well above the indentation of the shield.

Type II.—The letter H almost touches the indentation of the shield.

Type III.—This is similar to type II but the bottom portion of the mantle (below the arms) is fully shaded.

In this value type I is a little commoner than the other two. Of these three varieties of each value the late Mr. W. A. S. Westoby stated that the first two in each case represented different drawings on the matrix stone and that the third "may be only a retouch." Capt. P. Ohrt, whose writings formed the ground for Mr. Duerst's translation,

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states positively that there were only two separate drawings of each, the second one being made owing to a fear that the original one might be worn out with constant use. While he mentions the third type of each his theory of how they were caused is too vague to be of any value. How many stones were made for each value does not appear to be known. In fact, taking it as a whole, the published information regarding this issue is far from satisfactory and these three stamps form a fine field for original research for a collector, with the time, means, and patience to accumulate the necessary material and study it properly. The late Mr. Robert Ehrenbach stated that being lithographed, each stamp on a sheet differed slightly from the others though, owing to superior workmanship, he admitted that the differences in the case of the 1/10 thaler were very minute.

Quite an extensive range of shades can be found in all three values.



Reference List.

1852. Lithographed. Imperforate.
1. 1/30 thaler black on blue, Scott's No. 1.
2. 1/15 thaler black on rose, Scott No. 2.
3. 1/10 thaler black on yellow, Scott's No. 3.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

In February 1855, a new value was added to the set for the prepayment of the rate on newspapers and other printed matter. This is very similar in design to the other denominations but has the value "⅓ SILB. GR." on the shield and "4 SCHW." on the scrolls at each side. Up to this time all printed matter enclosed in wrappers had to be prepaid in money and as the number of these packages had grown to a considerable total the time taken in weighing them and accepting the proper fee in money often proved a serious embarrassment to the postal employes. In December, 1854, therefore, the Administration ordered Stalling to prepare a stamp of the required value and at the same time the following official notice was published:—

It was decreed in the official notification of December 28, 1851, that packets in wrappers could not be prepaid by means of stamps. As it has been found in the meantime that it is desirable that such packets be prepaid by stamps, the Postal Administration has ordered such stamps to be made, presuming that the Government will sanction this order.

The value, 4 schwaren, is contained on a shield below the coat of arms of Oldenburg-Delmenhorst, surmounted by a crown, and on the right and left-hand sides in scrolls, underneath the shield is the word "OLDENBURG."

The stamps are on green, the impression in black color. Concerning the introduction of this stamp, a notice will have to be published in the *Official Gazette,* which the Government is requested to order.

(Signed) BOEDECKER.

In acceding to this request the Government published the following decree under date, January 30, 1855:

Referring to the official notification of 28 December, 1851, concerning postage stamps, and in alteration of Article 2 of the same, it is hereby notified that packets in wrappers can also be prepaid by stamps, from the 1st of February, in the same manner and under the same conditions as letters. The stamps are of green color, with black impression, and are of the value of 4 schwaren.

The stamps can be bought from the date named at all post offices.

(Signed) MUTZENBECHER,
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The value schwaren was abbreviated to "schw" on the stamps. The schwaren was a small copper coin, peculiar to Oldenburg, worth only about ¼c in United States currency.

The stamps were lithographed in the same manner as the others and printed in sheets of 100 in ten rows of ten. There do not appear to be any minor varieties of importance while the color of the paper hardly varies at all. It would appear that the total number issued was not large while, judging from the present catalogue price of used specimens, the use of this value was somewhat restricted.



Reference List.

1855. Lithographed. Imperf.
4. 1/3sgr (4schw) black on green Scott's No. 4.

(To be continued.)

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—C. A. Pitkin supplements his advertising in the WEEKLY with some lists of bargain offers that are all their name implies. Any reader desiring them will no doubt be accommodated gladly.

—If any of our subscribers should happen to come across the current 1c and 2c stamps rouletted they may understand that they are of private manufacture and were so issued for use in vending machines in Eugene, Oregon. We are advised that they were first issued in this form in 1913, when approximately 44,000 of the 1c value and 25,000 of the 2c were rouletted. A larger number of each denomination will be used this year.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from A. C. Roessler, Isaiah Rudy, H. W. Lanz, Arthur Russell (3).

—H. Tasker claims unsatisfactory trade relations with Ben Witkowitz, of 366 Alabama Av., Brooklyn, N. Y. Interested parties will please communicate with Mr. Tasker.

—We have had our attention called to the error in Mr. Wiley's article on Parcel Post stamps in connection with plate number 6245 and the matter will be rectified before the article is reprinted.

—The Chesapeake Stamp Co. would like to know the present address of H. C. White, formerly at 687 Shaw St., Toronto, Canada, and 5047 Madison Ave., Chicago, Ill.

—Mrs. E. W. Oughtred submits for our inspection the results of her correspondence with the New York Post Office, with which she had entered a claim against Louis Loener for using the mails with intent to defraud. Loener resides in Brooklyn and the Department plainly states that it will not undertake to prosecute where approval selections of stamps are involved.

—A. G. Bond, Trossachs P. O., Sask., Can., writes B. L. Voorhees for an approval selection of stamps and gives as reference the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Radville, Sask. Replying to a communication the bank writes, "The party inquired about is not known to us and we are unable to report on his financial responsibility."

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1878, *4r, violet	.05
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1882, *1, 2, 10, 20c	.10
1886, 10c red, lithographed	.10
1886, 20c green, lithographed	.10
1886, 25c orange, lithographed	.15
1897, *2, 6, 10, 100c	.10
1902, *1c on 1c, 2c on 1c, dark blue	.05
1902, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 12½, 20, 50, 75c, 1p	.20
1908, 2 on 12½c, 6 on 20c, 6 on 50c, 12½ on 2p, 25 on 1c	.10

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THE NEW SONORAS.

By Robert A. Turner.

Denver, Mar. 25, (Special).—Since receiving your memo of 13th inst., I have been endeavoring to get further information relative to the stamps being printed here by the Smith-Brooks Ptg. Co., for the Mexican Constitutionalist Government. Senor Catana is still here; and it is expected that he will within a short time be authorized to issue new values of regular postage stamps, as well as an entire new issue of the "Transitoro" stamps, which were recently counterfeited. At the same time he expects to give the order for printing the new series of Constitutionalist paper money.

The fiscal, or documentary stamps are now being printed, 200 stamps to each sheet. The peso values are larger than the centavo values. The centavo design is conventional, the center being the eagle with the serpent in its bill. The peso values are of a goddess of liberty and justice with blindfolded eyes, a sword in one hand and balance and scales in the other. The list follows:—

1c pink	5p gray
2c light green	1p violet
3c orange	10p brown
5c carmine	50p red
10c dark green	100p prussian blue
25c light blue	500p purple
50c yellow	

I will keep you advised as to the regular postage and Transitoro issues, and when possible to send samples, will be glad to do so. Have today received copy of the Weekly containing the information that these stamps were being issued here. They have created great interest.

STUDY TASKER'S METHODS.

Mr. Tasker, a new advertiser in the Weekly, has frequently expressed himself as very much satisfied with the returns that he has received from the use of the Weekly. We have a letter from which we quote the following:—

"I am expecting a large order from London but shall not have the goods in hand before April 7, and I regret that I was unable to take extra space March 28. I will certainly have a quarter page in the April special number, if you will let me know when it is to come along. The last quarter page did me lots of good."

Those quarter pages at $15 are winners.

The Managing Editor.

DEATH OF A. G. BURGOYNE.

The certainty of death is never fully realized until there is bereavement in the home. The realization is almost as painful, almost as startling, when a fellow-worker, after close intimacy for years, passes out of this life; and the sorrow is more poignant, the shock more severe, when such a comrade is called away suddenly. So it was with Arthur G. Burgoyne. Four days ago he was at his desk, wrote editorials and paragraphs, chatted with co-workers and visitors, rounded out his day's labors and went home—never to return to the desk where he had performed his daily tasks so long and so well.

Mr. Burgoyne's accomplishments as an instructor, writer, linguist and musician being set forth on another page, it is not essential to refer to them in this column. With these accomplishments the public of Pittsburgh, and, indeed, of western Pennsylvania, is to a large degree familiar, for his verse and prose have gone into countless homes, and his work as an instructor in public schools and at the Carnegie Institute of Technology made him known to thousands. But with his office life only his fellow-workers are familiar, and, next to his family and relatives, they will most sorely miss him. They will miss the genial companionship for which he was distinguished; they will miss him, whom they often sought for advice, when technicalities connected with journalism arise; they will miss him when translation of some word or phrase of a foreign language is desired, and they will miss his hearty laugh and his flashes of wit and humor. Then he will be missed by many outsiders, known as "down-and-outs," who appealed to him for help, and never appealed in vain.

It will take time to accustom the fellow-workers to the absence of the one they admired and loved. For it will be hard to become reconciled to the fact that he will never come back to them, that he has gone from them forever.—Leading Editorial, Mar. 23, Pittsburgh *Chronicle-Telegraph*.

CHANGE S. P. A. NAME DISCUSSED.

A movement is on foot in the S. P. A. to change its name from Southern Philatelic Association to Society of Philatelic Americans, thus making a far more appropriate name for this national society of six hundred members. It will be noted that the original initials—S. P. A.—will still be the same and this change will be a happy thought indeed. The S. P. A. will no doubt be shortly incorporated under the state laws of Pennsylvania due to activities of its President, Mr. C. W. Kissinger.

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multiple	4pi	.18
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	18pi	.55
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EDITORIAL.

Looking Forward—We are pleased to hear that President Coolidge of the American Philatelic Society has appointed Mr. Julian Park of Buffalo, chairman, and Mr. Hugh C. Barr, vice-chairman of the committee on arrangements for the annual convention in August of the American Philatelic Society; and we congratulate the members of the society as well as the appointees as we could not conceive of a better choice of men for the place. Mr. Julian Park typifies the best traditions of philately and never wearies of well doing for philately. Mr. Hugh C. Barr, editor of *LaHacienda*, has followed the fortunes of the American Philatelic Society for many years and his presence at different of the annual conventions is remembered pleasantly. We do not hesitate to assert that under the capable direction of these gentlemen and the others, the arrangements will be made to a nicety; and we shall tell of the plans for the convention in due season. The Niagara Falls convention should be made a memorable one and it is the intention to make it so.

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142 So. 15th St., EUGENE KLEIN, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Way Not To Do—The following letter has been received from Dr. Wilsey: "I have before me an old letter, undated, but handstamped 'Paid 5,' which was mailed at Springfield, Vermont, and addressed to Claremont, New Hampshire, a distance of about nine miles as the crow flies. In the lower left corner is this inscription: 'Postmaster, forward this immediately and oblige your friends.' It would appear that our ancestors had as much trouble as some of our pessimistic friends would make us believe we have but if our P. F.'s would add a little note to their letters instead of begging valuable space from the stamp journals both the readers and editors would be grateful and no doubt their efforts would avail them as much in the long run." Nowadays, when the sender of a letter wants to make the postmaster extend himself, he writes on the envelope: "In Haste," "Rush" or "Important." Then, with a whoop of excitement the clerk who finds the letter so inscribed rushes to the private office of the postmaster of the great city; and when that functionary reads the injunction on the envelope, he frantically pounds all the electric bells within reach and dashes off countless telegrams. Soon the whole post office is in an uproar and when the personally conducted missive takes its departure, the force of the great institution crowds around the door to cheer it on its way.

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Death of A. G. Burgoyne—The news of the death of Arthur G. Burgoyne of Pittsburgh has come to us through the columns of the paper on which Mr. Burgoyne was an editorial writer, Mr. Isaiah Rudy having sent us a copy of the Pittsburgh *Chronicle Telegraph* of Monday evening, March 23rd, 1914. Pneumonia was the cause of death, an illness of four days having terminated fatally, at Mr. Burgoyne's home early on the morning of March 23rd. Mr. Burgoyne is survived by his widow, a son and three daughters. Mr. Burgoyne was born in Ireland, fifty-three years ago and at the age of twenty was graduated from Rockwell College, Ireland. Subsequently, he completed the course at the University of London. Coming to Pittsburgh soon after, he became principal of a public school there and later joined the staff of a newspaper of the city. In 1906, Mr. Burgoyne took a position on the *Chronicle Telegraph*, where his column on the editorial page daily, "All to the Point," at once became a feature of the paper. Previously, Mr. Burgoyne had gained lasting renown through a similar column, "All Sorts," in the Pittsburgh *Leader*. For thirty years a poem by Mr. Burgoyne was included daily in his column. As lecturer, poet, journalist, humorist and, we add, philatelist, his luminous abilities made him a man distinguished among his peers; and his splendid intellectual powers commanded the admiration of all who came to know him. His mental orbit was no circumscribed one as Mr. Burgoyne was a master of music and looked into the soul of art; and as a linguist, twelve languages were at his tongue's end. For recreation, so to say, he compiled a Russian grammar and translated from the Slavic languages; and elucidated the obscurest music, if one may phrase it so.

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As A Philatelist—In 1900, Mr. Burgoyne, with his wife, attended the Milwaukee convention of the American Philatelic Society and became acquainted with many members who were not slow to recognize his superior qualities. As the years passed, so manifold were the demands made upon the time of Mr. Burgoyne that it was imperative that he relax the keen interest that he was taking in the society but his philatelic friendships were not neglected; and somewhat recently we had the pleasure of entertaining Mr. Burgoyne when he passed through Chicago as a guest of Mr. Hill's newspaper party to the Yellowstone. Mr. Burgoyne was connected with the Carnegie Institute and sold his superb collection of foreign revenue stamps to the directors. Older readers will remember that Mr. Burgoyne conducted a department on Foreign Revenues in the WEEKLY and his work was instrumental in attracting attention to a class of stamps that was almost unrecognized in this country. Mr. Burgoyne was a collector to whom the sentiment of the stamp appealed truly and he gathered stamps as impulse directed him with no thought of sordid considerations. We can imagine no more brilliant a man than Mr. Burgoyne and with pride now tinged with sorrow, we exult that our hobby could attract a man such as he. All philately while realizing its loss will feel sympathy for Pittsburgh in the removal of one whose like may not soon be looked on again. To the wife and family of our good friend we extend heart-felt sympathy. The funeral was held March 25th; and memorial services in the School of Designs, Carnegie Institute of Technology, were announced for Sunday afternoon, March 29th.

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In Old Montserrat—The early stamps of Montserrat, those of Antigua surcharged under a bar ruling out "Antigua," have always made an especial appeal to collectors. In an article in Alfred Smith & Son's *Monthly Circular* on the postage stamps of Montserrat, the interesting observation is made by Mr. B. T. K. Smith that while the six pence green with CA watermark is not known to cataloguers, he was positively assured many years ago "on credible authority that the '6d CA' does really exist, and I should not be at all surprised if specimens were discovered sooner or later." The one penny comes on CC and CA paper respectively but Mr. Smith says that in all probability the first 6d stamp having been printed in greater number than was found necessary "was never included in the printings on CA paper." The discovery of a six pence on CA paper would afford a rare subject for moralization by the philatelic writers.

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No Famine—An attempt was made by the Chicago newspapers to make a "story" out of the alleged shortage of the ordinary two cent stamps because all applicants at the post office for stamps of that denomination were given the parcel post issue. The postmaster corrected any misapprehension by saying that the vaults were full of the ordinary two cent stamps but that the parcel post stamps were being closed out. Finis will soon be written at a stroke for other denominations than the one cent parcel post.

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DEATH OF A. G. BURGOYNE.

We are compelled to record the death of Arthur G. Burgoyne, an old-time philatelist and for years connected with the American Philatelic Society. Mr. Burgoyne died March 23, at Pittsburgh, Pa. We are unable in this issue to give the particulars of his activity in stamp collecting lines, but the following sketch of his career from a local Pittsburgh paper will be read with interest:—

Death terminated Arthur G. Burgoyne's career of 30 years in Pittsburgh as journalist, poet, humorist and lecturer, at 2 o'clock this morning (March 23)



in his home, 4933 Center avenue, East End. Stricken with pneumonia, Thursday, he laid down his duties on the Pittsburgh *Chronicle-Telegraph*, in which his last poem appeared on that date, and grew rapidly worse, until the end came.

Cultured, brilliant and versatile, Mr. Burgoyne was a prominent figure, not only in Pittsburgh, but in the journalistic field at large. At the time of his death, in addition to his journalistic duties, he was as lecturer on musical history and esthetics in the Carnegie Institute of Technology. He was a close friend of many Pittsburgh musicians, and his efforts for the encouragement of the growth of musical taste in this city were tireless.

Mr. Burgoyne was born in Ireland 53 years ago. He graduated from Rockwell University and finished his studies with honor in University of London.

He remained in London but a short time and coming to Pittsburgh was appointed a principal in the Ralston school, then located in the Ninth ward. He held similar positions in other Pittsburgh schools and during the course of his work had written articles for the Pittsburgh newspapers. A number of years ago he became a writer on the staff of the Pittsburgh *Leader* and was in charge of the All Sorts column. His versatility and good humor especially in his writings, made a host of friends not only in Pittsburgh, but throughout the United States.

In 1906 when the *Gazette* and the *Times* were merged, he became connected with the *Gazette-Times* and during the past few years had been employed on the *Chronicle Telegraph*.

Mr. Burgoyne was master of 12 languages. He was considered one of Pittsburgh's best educated men, not only in music and art, but on international matters of state and nation. His writings on music and art were especially interesting and when the Carnegie Institute of Technology was founded Mr. Burgoyne was appointed professor of music.

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TRADE NOTES.

Edward Michael has been selected by the executrix, Mrs. Ben G. Green, Chicago, to sell the stock of stamps and coins of Ben G. Green, deceased; and arrangements are being made by Mr. Michael to dispose of these effects in a series of auction sales. Due announcement will be made of the dates of sale of the stock, which, we are authorized to say will include Mr. Green's superb collection of encased postage stamps.

Henry Ades Fowler will engage in the stamp business in the office in the Fort Dearborn Building, Chicago, formerly occupied by P. M. Wolsieffer now the general manager of the Philadelphia Stamp Company. Mr. Fowler is known in many branches of philately through his activities during the past twenty-five years or so, as philatelic publisher, specialist, society worker and dealer; and his present venture should flourish under his experienced philatelic management.

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205 all different foreign stamps.
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***Salvador** '97, 1c, 5c four colors..... " .18
* " '93, 2p, 5p..... " .24
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***Nicaragua** '69, 5c black..... " .75
***Honduras** '78-'89, 1c, ½r, 1r, 2r, 1p.. " .29

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***St. Christopher** 1882, ¼, 1, 4p..... " .38
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Paraguay set of 15 different stamps.
France, 50 different, nice collection.
***Bolivar** 1879, 5c imperf. pair..... " .50
Labuan '97, 1c to 24c, 9 var..... " .89
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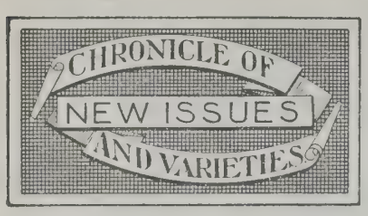
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UNITED STATES.—*The Philatelic Gazette* says:—"Quite an innovation in the postal issues of the U. S. is an official postal card for use of the postal savings system. The new card made its appearance in December last, but has so far escaped the attention of new issue chroniclers. This card is intended to be used exclusively by postmasters in sending their monthly reports of postal savings transactions to headquarters in Washington. The official stamp is circular, the center is a large unshaded numeral "1" similar in design to the green parcel post due stamps. It is surrounded by a background of engine turned lines with "CENT" below "1". The design is surrounded by a double line circle inscribed in white Roman capitals "U. S. POSTAL SAVINGS-OFFICIAL MAIL." Additional printing on the face of the card is "Post Card" in the customary place, "Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Postal Savings, Washington, D. C." and a form number in small type in the lower left corner, "5-5527." The back contains considerable printing, the blanks to be filled in by the postmaster. It is a white card, smaller than the regular size. Stamp and printing are in black, and made in one operation by the present manufacturers of the regular postal cards, the Government Printing Office at Washington.

Chas. M. Breder shows us an albino paid permit which was allowed to pass through the mails. It is Permit No. 224 of Philadelphia, Pa., value 2 cents.

W. F. Slusser shows us the 2c postage due stamp on paper with single lined watermark and a new and brighter shade.

Hiram E. Deats supplements the item in No. 1212 regarding the new Western Union franks by the following: "I have just seen a circular to agents issued Feb. 20 by the Western Union saying that the stamp books this year come in three series as follows:

A stamps to value of $25.20
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BELGIUM.—The London *Daily Mail* says that the new series of stamps, now being prepared, will have portraits of Kings Leopold I and II as well as of King Albert.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 4c in the new King George design.

Adhesive.

4c brown and violet.

CANAL ZONE.—We are indebted to H. Leonard for the following copy of an article in the *Canal Record*, a Government publication, in re "Postage Due Stamps:"

In accordance with the "Taft Agreement," the Canal Zone Government purchases all of its stamps for use on mail matter originating in the Canal Zone, from the Panama Government at 40% of their face value. Heretofore, it has been the practice to use these stamps on letters arriving from abroad on which the full amount of postage has not been paid. During the last fiscal year, it is estimated that this class of postage

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7	1867, 1c sgl., 2c hor. pr., No. 86, 87, on 3c '64 envelope a fine combination	2.85
8	1867, 10c, No. 96 hor. strip of 3 one has 2 mm. gone at NW..	3.00
9	1869, 1c, No. 112, hor. strip of 3 very fine	2.55
10	Argentine 1864, 5c, No. 11a centered NE good copy	?
11	Austria 1850-64, 9 covers No. 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, scarce lot, worth dbl. cat.	1.22
12	Canada 1852, 3p, No. 4, close NE fine copy	?
13	Ceylon 1857, 1p, No. 3, hor. strip of 4 in superb con.	5.00
14	Gt. Britain 1840, 1p blk. No. 2 fine scarce thus	?
15	1840, 2p blue, No 3, fine, scarce thus	1.50
16	1883, 5p dia. half to make 2½p fine	?
17	Hanover 1851, 1/30th, No. 4 sup...	1.50
18	Hawaii 1886, 2c No. 51 superb....	?
19	Mexico 1856, ½r No. 1, hor. pr. sup.	1.50
20	1856, 2r No. 3, sup. single copy	?
21	Poland 1860, 10k, No. 1, very fine copy ..... underpriced	
22	Roman States, 19 covers, Nos.3, 4, a 5, a, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 18, 25, 26, 27, 28, worth dbl. cat. ..	3.18
23	Victoria 1854, 1sh, No. 18 fine....	2.00
	STAMPS NOT ON COVER.	
24	United States 1869, 10c cent'd a bit W, fine o. g., No. 116	7.50
25	1873, 90c, No. 166 superb	2.50
26	Justice 30c, No. 532 fine, but heavy canc. as usual	15.00
27	Abyssinia 1894-6, No. 1-7, 101-107, mint, o. g.	1.77
28	Antigua 1863, 1p No. 3, perfs. partly gone	1.25
29	Austria 1851-6, No. 201-204 reprints orig. cat. over	450.00
30	Angola 1870-94, 14 varieties	1.68
31	Bahamas 1882-90, 5 varieties	1.03
32	Bavaria 1862-76, 9 varieties	1.19
33	Belgium 1851-93, 19 varieties	2.12
34	Bermuda 1865, 1p, 2p, Nos. 1, 2, good copies	1.50
34a	No. 2, 20, 22, 27, v. fine lot..	1.30
35	Brazil 1878-98, 27 varieties	3.07
36	1889-90, Journal & Unp'd, 8 va.	.87
37	Br. Guiana, 7 varieties	1.23
38	Canada, 3p, No. 1, 1 mm. tear N, none gone, fine mrgns.	2.50
39	No. 23, 25, 31, 39, good lot....	2.35
40	No. 23, 32, 42; Nfind, No. 45, 47, 53, 64, 78, g. lot	1.13
41	Cape G. Hope 1p, No. 3, fine	3.00
42	4p, No. 4, fine	.75
43	6p, No. 5, little faded close at S	5.00
44	1sh, No. 6, 1 mm. tear S none gone, fine	5.00
45	1p, No. 12a, close E otherwise fine	5.00
46	6p, No. 14, fine copy	7.50
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48	Another, not so fine	1.00
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50	4p, No. 20, centered NE	1.25
51	No. 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31, 32, fine lot	2.57
52	5sh, No. 26, centered NE	2.00
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54	Cape Verde 1877-98, 25 varieties..	2.25
55	Ceylon 1872-00, 29 varieties	3.27
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57	China 1878-00, 28 varieties	3.47
58	Congo 1886-00, 12 varieties	2.31
59	Corea 1885-00, 17 varieties	2.08
60	Costa Rica 1863-89, 38 varieties....	3.53
61	1901, 1c to 10 colon, Nos. 44 to 54, fine	5.27
62	Dominican Rep. 1879-00, 15 var...	1.44
63	Dutch Indies 1870-93, 17 varieties..	4.18
64	Costa Rica Guanacaste 1855-00,7 var.	1.05
65	Curacao 1873-93, 16 varieties.....	2.04
66	Egypt 1867-98, 13 varieties.....	6.24
67	1898, 10 pia o. g. superb.....	1.25
68	Fiji Isls. 1880-96, Nos. 42, 44, 45, 50, 55, 56, 57, 58, good lot...	1.56
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86	1883-00, 12 varieties.....	2.18
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162	Portugal 1883-99, 40 varieties....	6.23
163	Port. India 1882-98, 12 varieties..	1.41
164	Ponta del gada 1892-4, 13 varieties	1.44
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166	Prussia 1850-67, Nos. 3, 6, 16, a, 25, fair only	1.01
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168	Roumania, Nos. 20a, 21, 22, 23, 25, a, 26, good lot.....	2.10
169	Nos. 29, 31, 32, 33, 36, 38, 40	2.30
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207	Venezuela 1864-00, 33 varieties ..	7.34
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amounted to about $4,000.00 in value. Most of the mail matter from the United States comes fully prepaid, but in the case of mail from the West Indies, and to some extent from Europe, the postage is only partly paid, or in some cases not paid at all, as under the Rome convention, letters for points abroad may be accepted at the home post-offices without prepayment of postage. In view of the fact that this class of postage does not come under the Treaty with Panama, a supply of stamps for this purpose has been ordered from the United States Government, which will be furnished at the cost of the printing. They will be surcharged "Canal Zone" in the same manner as the Panamanian stamps, and, on receipt will be used on all letters received at Canal Zone post-offices on which postage may be due.

DENMARK.—The 2, 3 and 4 ore stamps have been reissued in the old figure design, but on paper watermarked multiple cross, and perforated 14x14½. The 1 ore has not yet been seen on the new paper.

DUTCH INDIES.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 50c value, the design being the same as the gulden values noted some time since.

Adhesive.

50c green.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Offices in the Levant.*—We have received the new 10d King George stamp overprinted "4 Piastres" for use in the British offices in the Levant.

Adhesive.

4pi on 10d blue.

HONDURAS.—Hermann Focke sends us used specimens of the provisional "10 Cent" on 2c rose of the current set.

NETHERLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. and the New England Stamp Co. have shown us a new printing of the 1½c in a new color.

Adhesive.

1½c deep blue.

Mr. Schachne reports a new post card of this country on tinted cardboard.

Next Friday — Thatcher's List. C. H. THATCHER, Pierre, S. D. *

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Post Card.

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NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke has shown us another provisional, similar to those chronicled last week, the 1p stamp of the official set having surcharge "Vale—c0.01" in black in two lines. The word official is obliterated by a ruled ornament. It will be noted that the values in these provisionals is expressed in hundredths of a centavo.

Provisional.

"c0.01" on 1p light blue.

SOLOMON ISLANDS.—The Postmaster at Tulagi under date of Jan. 30, writes to Hermann Focke that the Canoe type is still in use for all values excepting the ½d and 1d which together with the 3d and 11d are the only ones issued in the George type, and all of these are of the "Postage—Postage" variety; the changed design "Postage—Revenue" not having reached the Colony as yet.

TURKEY.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 10pa, 20p, 1pi and 2pi of the new pictorial set, surcharged with a small star for foreign correspondence. That on the 20pa is in blue, and the others in red.

Mr. Schachne has received the balance of the denominations of postal cards, as reported in No. 1211.

Post Card.

10pa green on buff.

Letter Cards.

20pa red on buff.
1pi blue on buff.

MORE "RE-ISSUED" DAYTON DIES.

Two weeks ago we printed a list of these dies upon the authority of Louis G. Barrett, who received his information from Marcus White and we are indebted to the same sources for additional information. Mr. Barrett writes us as follows:

"Since writing you about the resurrection of the 'Dayton' dies in the current 2c envelopes, several other varieties have been seen so that the list to date is more pretentious than the one sent at that time: standing as follows,—

2c DIE D, 1914.

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Var. 6	5	white	17	88
Var. 6	5	white	18	88
Var. 9	5	white	18	88
Var. 9	5	creamy white	18	88
Var. 10	5	creamy white	18	88
Var. 10	5	white	18	88
Var. 3	13	white	17	89
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THE NEW DENOMINATIONS.

Considerable progress has been made in the additional values which are soon to supplement the current regular issue. As previously announced five new values are soon to appear in order to facilitate the stamping of parcel post packages. The 12c stamp will be the first to appear and printing was begun about Feb. 18th. The 7c will be second and the 9c next, while the 20c and 30c may not be seen until some time later. The writer was privileged to see die proofs of all values in the adopted colors which are here described. All had been officially approved by Postmaster General Burleson on January 29th and each item bore his signature. It is not likely that the names of the colors as designated by the ink manufacturers, will be accepted by philatelists as several of them would certainly seem to be misnomers from the collector's point of view. Our own views might be expressed as follows:

7c "black." Head of Washington. Not much is to be said except that the color seems to have a slight tendency toward a grayish shade.

9c "pink." Franklin. This is totally different from anything we have ever seen termed "pink," and will surely not be so termed in the catalogues especially if we have in mind the 3c pink of 1861. We would feel inclined to describe it as a rather light shade of dull rose red. It is something new in color and we cannot recall any other stamp similar to it. Anything in the nature of a tint into bluish is certainly totally absent. We were, however, informed that present day ink manufacturers recognize various tints or shades of pink.

12c "maroon". Franklin. This is a very dark shade which we would prefer to term dark purple brown. It is in fact quite similar to a rather light shade we have seen of the $1.00 Washington.

20c "ultramarine." Franklin. This is the same ink used for the 10c registry stamp which was recently discontinued.

30c "vermilion." Franklin. This might be termed an orange brown red which is totally different from the 2c vermilion of 1875. It has a strong orange tint and certainly a little brown. It might in fact almost be called terra-cotta, which would be more expressive than the official designation.

It has not been stated when the new stamps will first be issued but the 12c is likely to be out about the time these notes appear in print.—*Philatelic Gazette.*

WANTED—A FIRST PAGE SQUARE.

W. T. Wilson, Birmingham, Eng., advises us that he desires the first vacant square that page one offers. He thus expresses a hearty appreciation of the WEEKLY and its pulling power.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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*1912, 3r on 5t on 8t (219) ..... .75
*1912, 3r on 5t on 2t (220) 1.70
*1912, 1r on 5t (224) ..... .50
*1912, 1½r on 2½r brown (225) .... .20

Saxony.
*1863, 5n brown lilac (18) no gum.. .25
*1863, 5n violet (18a) no gum .. .55
*1863, 5n gray lilac (18b) no gum.. .45
*1863, 5n gray blue no gum (18c).. .30

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*1866-71, 24c blue (26) ..... .30

Timor.
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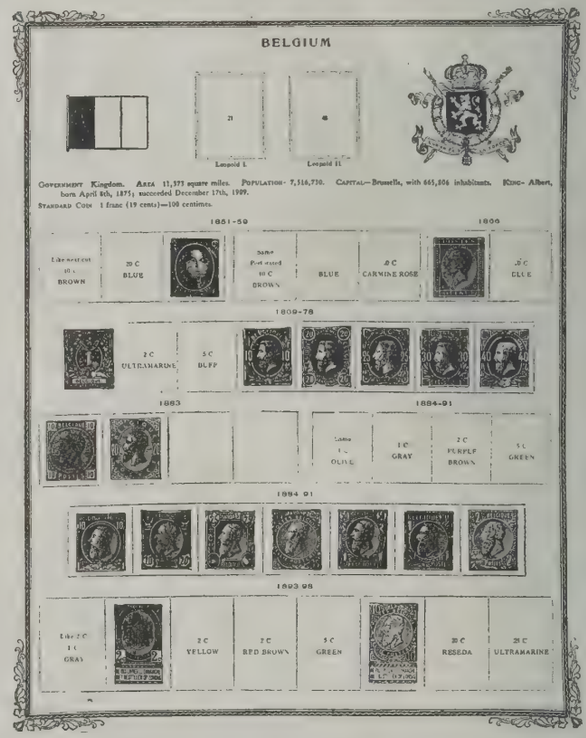
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THE STAMPS OF OLDENBURG.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

On January 24th, 1857, Oldenburg concluded a monetary convention with other German States according to which only the thaler of 30 groschen was to be legal currency, and the old thaler of 72 grote was abolished. As the stamps then current did not agree with the new coinage so far as some of the inscriptions were concerned it was decided to issue a new series. Matters were, however, taken very leisurely and it was not until eighteen months later that the new stamps were placed on sale. Of such little consequence was the change considered by the Postal Administration, notwithstanding that the design chosen was a very different one from that of 1852, that no official notification of any sort appears to have been published. The new stamps were, apparently, distributed to the postmasters without comment and were placed on sale at each post office just as soon as supplies of the old stamps were exhausted. As no official date of issue was stipulated we have to rely on dated obliterated specimens and from these it would seem that the stamps were probably placed on sale in July or August, 1859.

The design is similar for all four values and consists of the grand-ducal coat of arms, surmounted by a ducal crown, on a plain oval ground, with "OLDENBURG" on a scroll above it, and the value in words on a similar scroll below. On each side of the centerpiece are small ovals containing the numerals of value, while the spaces above and below these are filled with leaf-like ornamentation.

The stamps were designed and lithographed at the works of Gerhard Stalling, and as in the case of the previously current stamps, a separate engraving on stone was made for each value. They were printed in sheets of 100 in ten rows of ten, in black on colored papers. Naturally, as the stamps were produced by lithography minor varieties exist but the only one of prominence occurs on the 3 groschen. On one stamp on the stone the D of OLDENBURG was so malformed as to more nearly resemble a B.

The ⅓ groschen seems to have been but little used and it is by far the rarest of the series. In the 1 and 2 groschen fairly pronounced shades may be found.



Reference List.

1859. Lithographed. Imperf.
5. 1/3gr black on green, Scott's No. 5.
6. 1gr black on blue, Scott's No. 6.
7. 2gr black on rose, Scott's No. 7.
8. 3gr black on yellow, Scott's No. 8.

THE FOURTH ISSUE.

A Post-office circular, dated December 15th, 1860, announced that on January 1st, 1861, coincident with an issue of stamped envelopes, a new issue of adhesive stamps would be made, printed in color on white paper, the values being ¼, ⅓, ½, 1, 2, and 3 groschen. The designs for the ⅓, 1, 2, and 3 groschen were the same as those for the preceding issue and it is evident the same original dies were used. Possibly, too, for the earlier printings the same stones were used. The two new values are a little different in design. The ducal coronet is larger, nearly as large as the coat of arms; and these are on a ground of solid color. The ends of the scrolls containing the inscriptions above and below the centre are prolonged downwards or upwards and these extensions fill the spaces occupied by the arabesques on the other values. How many printings were made is not known but most of the values fall into two divisions which may be described as hazy and clear prints, respectively. The former were evidently the earlier printings, the result of lack of knowledge on the part of the lithographers as to how to deal with colored inks. As they became more expert their work improved resulting in the clear prints. Quite a number of varieties are found in the lettering and in the frames of the ⅓gr and 3gr values from which it would appear that

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new stones were laid down and for these a number of defective transfers were used. Of these varieties the most prominent are "OLDEIBURG," which is found on both values, and "Dritto" and "Drittd," found on the ⅓gr. An interesting minor variety of the 1gr is known with a pointed numeral at the right hand side. This seems of considerable rarity.

The ½ groschen value was necessitated by a reduction in the rates for local letters which had previously required a 1gr stamp. The ¼gr was for no particular rate but was used in conjunction with other values when the postal charges, as was frequently the case, resulted in such fractional charges as ¼ or ¾. It is the rarest value of the set in used condition.

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Reference List.

1861. Lithographed. Imperf.
9. ¼gr orange, Scott's No. 9.
10. 1/3gr green, Scott's No. 10 or No. 11.
11. ½gr brown, Scott's No. 12 or 12a.
12. 1gr blue, Scott's No. 13.
13. 2gr red, Scott's No. 14.
14. 5gr yellow, Scott's No. 15.

(To be continued.)

A STAMP SOCIETY IN DENVER.

Maitland Milliken, 404 Foster Bldg., Denver, Colo. in company with several other Denver collectors is actively engaged in organizing a stamp society in Denver and already the names and addresses of thirty-four collectors in and near the city have been secured. Mr. Milliken will be glad to hear from anyone interested in the proposition. The organization meeting was held March 30.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

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—The Geo. W. Linn Co. has issued a finely printed pricelist full of attractive offers, and a copy will be sent to any subscribers on request.

—We have given a line of advertising to Louis Loener, Harry Paley and Ben Witkowitz, all of Brooklyn, N. Y., and another name remains to be added, Mayer Marcus. Is it too much to expect that dealers should show a due measure of precaution in sending approval selections to boy collectors in Brooklyn?

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THE NEW BELGIANS.

Much has been said recently concerning our new stamps, but very inaccurately. The poor quality of the stamps and the unsatisfactory likeness of the King are often justly complained of. All of this is to be changed, and speedily. We have at present twelve postal values, nine of which bear the King's portrait. Soon we shall have thirteen. The Minister (of Posts) has decided to give effect to the wishes of the Chambers of Commerce by creating a 15 centimes stamp which will be convenient for making up the rate of 40 centimes required for foreign letters of double weight. Of these thirteen values nine already have the portrait of the sovereign, on the values in the greatest demand: from 1 to 40 centimes. The four other values will resemble our Congo stamps.

That of the 5 francs will represent the national dynasty: that is to say the portrait of King Albert in a medallion will be flanked by those of Leopold I. and Leopold II.

The 50 centimes stamp is emblematic of national independence, a wounded volunteer passing the tricolour to a comrade (inspired by the death of Count Frederick de Merode).

The 1 franc value commemorates a great economic event, the affranchisement of Escant. In the foreground is seen the haven of Antwerp, whilst towards the horizon sails a ship bearing the inscription "Schelde Vrij" "Escant Libéré."

Finally the 2 francs typifies the great economic event of the century—the restoration of the Congo: an officer rescuing an Arab slave under the Belgian flag, whilst another strikes off his fetters and a negress holds up a free-born child.

The 1 and 2 centimes stamps will continue to be printed typographically, but from new dies, and it is anticipated that they will be even better than the present stamps. All the other stamps will be recess-printed. The new machine which has been ordered by the postal administration for this purpose is capable of producing 450 millon stamps a year. Our works at Malines actually turn out 750 million stamps annually comprising 250 millions of the 1 centime, 150 millions of the 2 and 5 centimes and 350 millions of the other values. It is said that the one machine will be sufficient for these last. If results are satisfactory a second machine will be ordered, and all the stamps including the 1 and 2 centimes will be printed in *taille douce*.

The new machine will be brought into use at the beginning of June, and by September, or October at latest, the new stamps will be issued.

An interesting point is that the new system will not cost one centime more—and by the sale of the new stamps alone—of each new issue ten thousand copies are required for collectors—equals 110,000 francs—which will cover the cost of purchasing the machines.—*L'Annonce Timbrologique.*

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TAYLOR'S BOLIVIAS EXHIBITED.

The Southern California Philatelic Society held a meeting at 1232 Marsh-Strong Building, Los Angeles, Calif., March 26, which was a very interesting affair. E. M. Taylor's collection of Bolivia Stamps was exhibited by Bertram W. H. Poole. The collection was awarded a gold medal at New York, and also at Buenos Aires, and is said to be the finest collection of Bolivias in the world. W. Parker Lyon exhibited a superb collection of United States stamps, including revenues and locals. The S. C. P. S. will hold the next meeting at 1017 So. Figueroa St., in the rooms of the Hollman Business College, April 9. At the meeting to be held April 30 in the Art Gallery at Blanchard Hall, the society will hold its first Auction sale of stamps.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Everybody Works—These are our busy days. Experienced observers of the course of philately are almost unanimous in the selection of either March or April as the most active month on the philatelic calendar. There is not much choice between the two months in their race for preference but the advantage, if any, lay with April, we should say. Philately really is coming into its own and what is noticeable this year is that the indications are that philately is gaining such a momentum just now that it will run, even though its pace may be slackened, right through the dull months; and that last year's triumph will be repeated.

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"Time"—Through the courtesy of Mr. Chester Myers, we have seen a cancellation that is a novel one in our eyes. The word, "Time," is printed in reverse, evidently from a plate, on the one cent wrapper, blue on manila, Plimpton, 1874-80, die b. Roughly, the impression is 14 by 28 millimeters and is a most curious obliteration. There are many quaint cancellations to be found on past issues of the United States and the one under notice may be included in this category. Perhaps some reader will have an explanation for the use of this unconventional cancellation.

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Said Before—A contributor writes: "Among the advantages of stamp collecting is the promotion of peace in the family. A philatelic husband with his eye trained to detect different shades can match the most evasive color of the ribbon sample given him by the wife in the morning, at the department store." True enough and our correspondent means well,—but he is palming off old stuff on us. We remember words to the same effect by a writer in the *Florida Philatelist*, somewhere around 1890.

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A Philatelic Veteran—The *Daily Press* of Hobart, Tasmania, says in a notice of the death recently of a Captain Rich, at the advanced age of eighty-five years: "The Captain was an enthusiastic stamp collector, and always carried about with him, a little pocketbook containing some of his rarities, which he was on occasions, pleased to show to visitors to Hobart. He was a well-known Hobart identity, and it is said that for a short time, king of one of the South Sea Islands, having been elected to that honourable position by the natives, but the Captain found the role of monarch a little uncongenial and so he migrated." Here was a fine example of the disappearing type of old fashioned collector.

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Probably An Impostor—Recently, we told how to make one's own peroxide of hydrogen if one did not like the kind sold at the store. The description has provoked the following letter signed by Count Lapp de Booz but we are inclined to doubt the authenticity of the signature as the postmark of Dorchester Center Station is on the letter and even if the recrudescence of Count Lapp de Booz has been established, there could be no one in that neighborhood with whom he could hobnob: "I append a recipe for the manufacture of one's own stamp hinges. 'Procure some strong fish glue from the chemist (Fish glue by the cwt. is considerably cheaper and collectors should club together when purchasing, when possible). Dilute the glue, 1 of glue to 4 parts of water, and place in a crucible ready for melting. (A coke oven is the ideal place for this important operation. If a coke oven is unavailable, the kitchen range will do). Stir well during the process of melting and allow the mixture to stand for twenty minutes. Drain off the clear liquor and bottle for use, keeping in a safe place. Now, when wishing to hinge a stamp, all one needs to do is to apply a little of the liquid to a small slip of paper the size of an ordinary stamp hinge, with a fine camel's-hair brush and when the glue is quite dry, one has a very serviceable stamp hinge. Note—To some persons the taste of the glue is unpleasant. This can be obviated by flavoring with any extract to suit the taste. Lemon is strongly recommended, although onion is preferred by many."

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He Happened On It—Says a ruminating reader: "I could never understand why the philatelic scribes never quoted as introductory to their enlightening essays, after the manner of the truly great: 'For use almost can change the stamp of nature.'" A bit of Shakespeare? Ah! as we suspect, it is in Bartlett's. The stamp sermonizer is too ingenious to depend on Bartlett's Quotations.

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Another Version—Mr. Charles R. Morse writes: "I note a remark editorially in the issue of March 7th, about the Chinese revenues in the 1914 catalogue Addenda. I have the one and two cent without surcharge sent to me by a friend in China; and he says that he bought them at the post office and that they were available for postage but were called an issue, supposedly, for Korea."

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Different Papers—A reader informs us that he has "the plate-number 164 of the five cent, 1894 unwatermarked, according to all tests," and that he "was puzzled to find the same plate-number on an undoubted watermarked strip of three of the five cent, 1895 issue, in a sales book." He wants an explanation. Not a few of the plates of nearly or quite all of the denominations of the 1894 issue were used in printing the watermarked stamps. No separation between the watermarked and the unwatermarked stamps was attempted by the department which adopted the precautionary paper in consequence of the counterfeiting of the two cent, 1894 issue. As the stocks of the unwatermarked stamps were depleted the same plates in many instances that were used for the unwatermarked stamps were employed for the stamps on watermarked paper. That no stress was laid upon the differences in paper by the Washington authorities may be gathered from an old plate-number catalogue which would give the numbers of the plates that did a dual service of the kind described.

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His Dream—At the annual dinner of the Chicago Philatelic Society recently, one of the speakers said that a voice from Berne decreed that the stamp of the nation for the domestic letter rate be red in color and that the stamp to prepay correspondence to the countries beyond the borders be blue in color. The speaker continued, putting his hand to his ear for all the world in the manner of little Rillie Ranter, the infant elocutionary wonder: "The voice from Berne will speak again and it will command that the stamps be of a certain size and design and shape; and thus," he tremulously added, "stamp collecting will languish and die," whereat some of the diners were dreadfully embarrassed as they had begun to applaud just before that last clause of direful prophecy. Those who thought that a universal stamp would be no menace to philately were in the majority, it seemed.

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Let It Come—We remember having read about fifteen years ago, an article in which the writer very plausibly argued that the advent of the universal postage stamp would be a boon instead of a detriment to philately. He argued that enough stamps had been issued to ensure material for countless numbers of collectors and he maintained that if distinctive and national stamps were no longer issued, those that had been would ascend at once in the affections of collectors.

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NOTE.—The letters refer to panes as illustrated in diagrams which accompany this article. Annexed values indicate present average quotations for mint panes of six stamps.

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I Vert. line at left .75

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F Left "center" pane 1.25
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E Horiz. line through pane .75
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G Right "center" pane 1.50
H Vert. line at right .75
I Vert. line at left .75

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B Half arrow at right .50
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I Vert. line at left .50

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C * Half arrow at left .35
D * Plate number 1.00
E (180) Horiz. line through pane .35
F (180) Left "center" pane .60
G (180) Right "center" pane .60
H * Vert. line at right .35
I * Vert. line at left .35
J (360) Line at bottom .30
K (360) Line at right and bottom .45
L (360) Line at left and bottom .45
M (360) Line at top .30
N (360) Line at right and top .45
O (360) Line at left and top .45

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"360" indicates that panes are from plates of 360 subjects only.

A * Ordinary pane $ .15
B * Half arrow at right .25
C * Half arrow at left .25
D * Plate number 1.00
E (180) Horiz. line through pane .25
F (180) Left "center" pane .40
G (180) Right "center" pane .40
H * Vert. line at right .25
I * Vert. line at left .25
J (360) Line at bottom .25
K (360) Line at right and bottom .40
L (360) Line at left and bottom .40
M (360) Line at top .25
N (360) Line at right and top .40
O (360) Line at left and top .40

1c "Series of 1911."

Same design as Series of 1908 but printed on paper having the single line watermark. Printed from plates of 360 subjects only.

A Ordinary pane $ .15
B Half arrow at right .25
C Half Arrow at left .25
D Plate number .80
H Vert. line at right .20
I Vert. line at left .20
J Line at bottom .20
K Line at right and bottom .30
L Line at left and bottom .30
M Line at top .20
N Line at right and top .30
O Line at left and top .30

2c "Series of 1911."

Same design as Series of 1908 but printed on paper having the single line watermark. Printed from plates of 360 subjects only.

A Ordinary pane $ .20
B Half arrow at right .25
C Half arrow at left .25
D Plate number .75
H Vert. line at right .25
I Vert. line at left .25
J Line at bottom .20
K Line at right and bottom .30
L Line at left and bottom .30
M Line at top .20
N Line at right and top .30
O Line at left and top .30

1c Series of 1912.

Printed from plates of 360 subjects on paper having the single line watermark.

A Ordinary pane $ .10
B Half arrow at right .25
C Half arrow at left .50
D Plate number .50
H Vert. line at right .15
I Vert. line at left .15
J Line at bottom .15
K Line at right and bottom .20
L Line at left and bottom .20
M Line at top .15
N Line at right and top .20
O Line at left and top .20

2c Series of 1912.

Printed from plates of 360 subjects on paper having the single line watermark.

A Ordinary pane $ .15
B Half arrow at right .20
C Half arrow at left .50
D Plate number .50
H Vert. line at right .20
I Vert. line at left .20
J Line at bottom .20
K Line at right and bottom .25
L Line at left and bottom .25
M Line at top .20
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No. 225 ..... .07
Nos. 226-230-232 .....Each .01
No. 227 ..... .02
No. 228 ..... .02
No. 229 ..... .02
No. 231 ..... .08
No. 233 ..... .02
No. 234 ..... .02
No. 235 ..... .02
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	20n gray green, No. 9	.03
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	2h gray, No. 12	.01
	3h yellow, No. 13	.01
	5h green, No. 14	.01
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	25h blue, No. 18	.05
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—Frederic C. DePuy reports having found the current officially sealed stamp perforated vertically and rouletted horizontally.

ALBANIA.—Out of the mass of provisionals, surcharges, etc., following the war in the Balkans, at least one permanent issue has been evolved. Albania now has a series of stamps and stationery, with portrait of Scanderbeg.

Adhesives.

2 qint yellow brown.
5q green.
10q rose.
25q blue.
50q violet and lilac.
1fr light brown.

Letter Cards.

5q green.
10q red.

The adhesives chronicled above have been surcharged with the letter "T" for use as postage due stamps. This surcharge is in blue on the 2 and 10q in red on the 5 and 25q and in black on the 50q.

Lemaire's Journal states that owing to the confusion caused by the change of the currency to "qint" or centimes and "franc," it has been decided to surcharge the whole issue, adhesives and postage due stamps with new values in "paras" and "piastres."

Provisional Adhesives.

"5 paras" on 2q yellow brown.
"10 paras" on 5q green.
"20 paras" on 10q rose.
"1 piastre" on 25q blue.
"2½ piastres" on 50q violet and lilac.
"5 piastres" on 1fr light brown.

The issue of the permanent set, with portrait of Prince Wied is expected shortly, now that he has arrived at Durazzo.

AUSTRALIA.—Another lot of 1,000,000 stamps is being printed of the new King's Head penny design. The new supply is to be distributed on a population basis throughout the states. The first supply was principally absorbed by philatelists and collectors and few found their way through the mails. It will be interesting to see whether the second printing will be noticeably different from the first printing.

CEYLON.—*Lemaire's Journal* reports the issue of the 50 rupees stamp. The 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 25, 30 and 50c and 1, 2, 5, 10 and 50r have now been seen.

Adhesive.

50r dark violet.

CUBA.—The Sterling Stamp Co. shows us the $1 value of the new map issue as chronicled some time since. It will be noted that while the inscriptions read "Un Peso" the value in figures is preceded by the "$" mark of the United States currency.

EGYPT.—Additional stationery to that noted in No. 1206 is noted by the *Philatelisten-Zeitung*. Mr. Schachne also reports the reply post card.

Envelopes.

5m carmine.
20m blue.

Letter Card.

10m blue

Post Cards.

2x2m green.
4x4m vermilion.

GREECE.—*Lemaire's Journal* announces the issue of a charity set, including 2 and 5l values. The design includes a wounded soldier upon the battle field with a sister of charity at his side. These stamps have been printed by Aspiotis concern at Corfu, and will be obligatory for use during a fixed period in each year for the benefit of the victims of the war.

HAYTI.—The 1pi of 1906 has appeared in a new color.

Adhesive.

1pi vermilion.

MALTA.—J. A. Galbraith sends two values of the new Malta King George set, the ½d having previously been chronicled.

Adhesives.

½d brown.
1sh black on green.

MOROCCO.—A new series of stamps is in preparation, though whether to be classed under French Offices or Morocco proper is not yet clear. The values will be expressed in "centimos" and "pesetas," and the designs will include a view of Moulay-Edris mosque at Fez. The 3c value will be suppressed and the 4c value re-established.

SIAM.—After supplying the public with surcharged cards for the past 14 years, this country has finally issued a new permanent set of striking beauty. Mr. Schachne reports the cards listed below. All are on white cardboard and have the vertical dividing line on face.

Post Cards.

3s red and green.
5s brown and green.
6s dark rose.
6x6s dark rose.

SWEDEN.—A new 5kr stamp is chronicled by *Lemaire's Journal*, the design being Scott's A14 and not the General Post Office type of 1903.

Adhesive.

5kr carmine on yellow.

VENEZUELA.—A. N. Frey submits for our examination specimens of the current 25 and 50c values showing changes in design worthy of note. Mr. Frey writes:—"The latest specimens of the 25 and 50c, of which samples are enclosed, show a design almost wholly redrawn, the lines of the netted background being close together and additional detail added. Many of the lines are quite different from those of the earlier printing. The new 50c varies in shade from the former printing."

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BOSTON, Jan. 20, 1914.

Mr. President and Gentlemen:—

The close of the 23rd year of the existence of the Boston Philatelic Society finds most matters connected with its organization in very good shape. The Secretary's department having to do with the meetings and the membership, principally, presents the following data for your consideration.

We have had the usual ten regular meetings during the calendar year of 1913, with an average attendance of 39, which is about 7 less than the previous year but 6 more than the one preceding that. This average cannot be bettered by many of the philatelic societies of the present day. The informal meetings, of which there were 12, have been attended as usual by an average of perhaps ten persons, but no official record of these meetings is kept.

The Governing Board, now known as the Council, has had five meetings out of nine that were called by the President's order, the remaining four being unable to transact any business because of the lack of a quorum. It would seem that either some arrangement should be made by those accepting office as Councilors to make every effort to be present at meetings, or that the present quorum required (five) should be reduced in order that necessary business may not be held up by lack of a quorum.

Our present membership numbers 181, a gain of six over last year. The list is divided into 5 Honorary, 57 Non-resident and 119 Resident members. We have had 21 admissions during the year, which is an excellent record, but have lost one by death, Mr. A. A. Wayne, who joined March 21, 1899, six by resignation and nine by dropping for non-payment of dues.

Our meeting of October 21st was made memorable by being our second "Melville night." We had the good fortune to entertain once more one of our honorary members, Mr. Fred J. Melville, President of the Junior Philatelic Society of London, who gave us a very interesting talk and whom our members were greatly pleased to have a chance of meeting personally.

The great event of the year has of course been the first Internatoinal Philatelic Exhibition, held in New York, October 27th to November 1st, at which both our Society and our members were well represented. The Society was placed upon the list of Honorary Patrons and quite a number of our members were likewise honored. Our members subscribed a total of $180.00 through our Committee appointed to receive subscriptions for the Exhibition, and some fifty persons from this city were in attendance during the week. The Society entered its two monographs, the Revenue Stamps of the United States and the Postage Stamps of Siam, and received a bronze medal and a diploma on the former. Members of the Society received altogether a total of 35 of the medals awarded. The foregoing facts seem to indicate quite clearly the position held by the Boston Philatelic Society in Philately, surely a not unenviable one.

Our outgrown, worn out, patched, and I might almost add "darned" Statutes, which had come down to us in more or less unrecognizable form since 1891, were finally discarded and a new Constitution and By-laws adopted at the meeting of April 15th. The new instrument seems well adapted to our needs and no doubt will prove its usefulness as time goes on. It is proposed to print it for distribution after this season's trial of its workings, so as to allow for correcting any particular faults that may develop.

It has been deemed wise to incorporate the Society and the vote to take this action was passed at the meeting of December 16th.

Our meetings have been well supplied throughout the year with exhibits of fine collections which have proved drawing cards for the members. A number of interesting talks have also been given.

The Secretary's personal work during the year has involved the writing of 112 letters, 59 postal cards, the mailing of 8 packages and 21 sets of Statutes, membership lists, etc., as well as 1075 notices of meeting, a total of 1275 pieces of mail matter.

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Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

UNISSUED STAMPS.

A Detroit reader writes as follows:—"In the Scott catalogue the Confederate States stamps No. 213 (type A10) is stated to have never been put into use and yet it is valued at $1.00. How can there be any value to a stamp which was never in issue?" I have no doubt other beginners have been equally puzzled over the value of these sorts of varieties. There are numerous stamps of all sorts of countries which were prepared for use and then never actually sold to the public for postal use for some reason or other. Sometimes the stamps never got farther than the printer's establishment; others were simply stored in the Government Treasury. Perhaps a change in postal rates made these stamps unnecessary, or a change of ruler or of Government made it impolitic to issue them. But whatever the reason for their non-issue the fact that they were prepared for use by proper governmental authority gives them a philatelic interest. But while they have a legitimate philatelic interest they have no legitimate place in a general catalogue for they are purely varieties for the specialist and not for the general collector. Their market value is, of course, based on rarity and the popularity of the countries for which they were prepared.

AN INTERESTING CARD.

Early in the year I mentioned a South Australian stamp which had been cancelled in Melbourne, Victoria. Mr. E. C. Heymann tells me he has a Japanese stamp bearing a Victoria, B. C., cancellation and he also sends particulars of an aeroplane post-card which may interest my readers, viz.: "I have a post-card mailed June 11th, 1912, postmarked Frankfort a/m (Germany) and addressed to Stamford, Conn. From Frankfort it was carried by the airship 'Schwaben' to a small place on the Rhine and from thence by ordinary ways to its destination. The card is a dark tan and in the upper right corner is the ordinary 10pf German stamp. On the upper left corner is a special stamp made for the occasion. It is an orange brown color and is longer than the ordinary postage stamp. An oval takes up about two-thirds of the stamp in the centre of which is a large bird flying with a letter in its beak while a setting sun is shown beneath. Around the oval is an inscription which in English would read 'First German Airpost on the Rhine.' In the upper left corner of this stamp is '10' and in the upper right corner 'pf'. Both stamps are cancelled by a large post-mark on which in addition to the name of the place and date is 'AIRPOST on the RHINE'."

AN ENVELOPE PROBLEM.

A Silver Creek correspondent writes as follows:—

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Does the Washington Post Office now sell the stamps and stamped paper that are returned from country offices? I understand that is where the enormous quantities of unused envelopes of old issues came from, as they formerly sold them, as well as old issues of adhesives, to the 'right' people. I invested heavily some fifteen years ago in unused entire wrappers and envelopes, covering everything from 1853 up, that could be had at any reasonable figure. I can now buy cheaper than I then bought. There's a reason? As I understand it, I bought from a Washington dealer thousands of old envelopes at a fancy price that he simply bought at face from the Washington Post-office."

As regards the albinos it was probably nothing more than a strange coincidence. I have frequently found them in quite small lots of envelopes purchased during the last two years. As regards the return and resale of obsolete envelopes at Washington I know nothing. Perhaps some other reader can furnish information on the subject? Possibly the fact that my correspondent can now buy cheaper than he could fifteen years ago is simply due to the less interest taken in envelopes and consequent little demand for them.

SHORT REPLIES.

G. L. (Worcester, Mass.).—The stamp of which you send such an excellent description is a common revenue stamp of Hungary.

J. D. A. or J. H. (New York).—Letters signed with these initials but in the same handwriting duly received but I do not reply to anonymous letters.

N. P. (Visalia, Cal.).—Your precancelled stamp with part of the lettering omitted is of no interest as a variety as it is simply due to poor centering of the sheet in overprinting it. (2) I have explained on many previous occasions that there is no simple test for distinguishing between the thin, hard and soft porous papers. It is really a matter of experience and is always a stumbling block to the beginner. Your best plan is to get some experienced collector friend to separate the varieties for you.

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OUR STATE REVENUE STAMPS.

By FRANK L. APPLEGATE.

(This article is prefatory to the first paper of the series appearing two weeks ago.—Ed.)

FOREWORD.

A class of stamps deserving of our most serious attention are the revenue stamps issued by our various states.

All of these were called into being by definite acts of the different state legislatures, exactly analoguous to the various acts of the United States Congress which created the Civil War, Spanish-American War and other federal issues of revenue stamps; and are, it seems to me, just as much entitled to recognition, study and collection by patriotic American collectors as are the federal issues which are honored by position in the Standard Catalogue and beloved and appreciated by all of us.

Personally I believe the time must come when they will be catalogued along with other duly authorized government issues, perhaps at the expense of such stamps as telegraphs and locals, which are not government issues at all.

Perhaps the chief cause of the unpopularity of the state revenues in the past has been the popular ignorance regarding them, due largely to their not being included in the Standard catalogue. This is not written with the intention of unduly criticizing the catalogue makers, it is their book and they have their reasons for including what they do, and then of course it is not a revenue catalogue. But it is also the accepted text book of American philatelists and as such naturally inclines us toward the stamps listed between its covers, regardless of whatever merit may be inherent in certain other kinds of stamps which do not therein appear.

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Then again there is the matter of albums. The album, in the past even more than the catalogue, has held collectors to the beaten path.

The classification of state revenues easily divides all the issues into those of three distinct periods.

First, the Pre-Adhesive period, embracing the non-adhesive stamped paper of Virginia and Maryland. The former issued in 1813, the latter in 1845. The only catalogue listing these varieties is the one issued by Mr. E. B. Sterling years ago, a copy of which is now pretty hard to get. The stamps of both these states were embossed without color on various legal and commercial papers in values from 4c to $6.00. I do not include in this class the similarly embossed stamps of 1797-1800 bearing the names of the first fifteen states, as these are properly federal issues.

The second classification is the Adhesive-Documentary. Of these the stamps of California are the most numerous and the most interesting. First issued in the Pioneer age of 1856 when gold was cheap and the cost of everything else sky high in comparison, to provide funds for the exaggerated expenses of the government of the new state, and laid on the most tangible value that could be taxed, namely shipments of gold out of the state and the insurance of vessels carrying their golden cargoes, the history of these stamps is closely allied with the most romantic history of our most romantic West.

Passage tickets were also a source of taxation as well as licenses admitting attorneys to the practice of law. Coming as they did before the Civil War, they are the pioneer adhesive revenue stamps of the American Continent. The "high cost of living" in California is reflected in the denominational values of these stamps, running as they do up to $400.00. Nearly two thousand distinct varieties of California revenues have been listed but the number actually in existence is probably much less. Many of those known are rarities of the first magnitude.

Nevada, at the height of the great silver boom in 1865, followed California's example, placing a stamp tax on legal and commercial papers. Louisiana, when the popularity of the notorious Louisiana lottery was in its zenith, placed a stamp tax on lottery tickets. Notwithstanding the popularity of the lottery, which was soon afterward suppressed by the government, few of the tickets must have been saved as the stamps

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Oregon, in an effort of the legislature to control the state's insurance business in the interest of local companies, put a tax on fire insurance policies in 1870.

All these states repealed their stamp taxes years before New York came forward with a stamp tax on stock transfers in 1905.

Missouri now has a stamp tax of 25c on all sales of stocks or commodities for future delivery. It is called the Option stamp and the revenue accruing from its use goes into the Good Road Fund of the State. Since the nation-wide growth of the good roads movement has made itself so prominent I have looked for other states to follow Missouri's example, but so far have not learned of any of them doing so.

The third classification includes the inspection stamps of the present time.

The Legislature of Florida moved to action by the quantities of inferior fertilizers imposed upon the farmers of the state passed in 1889 an act requiring all dealers in fertilizers to put a tag on each sack certifying the contents to be identical with a sample analyzed by the state chemist, and showing the percentages contained of ammonia, potash and phosphoric acid. To defray the cost of this analysis and state supervision of the fertilizer business, an inspection tax of 25c per ton was levied payable by an adhesive stamp pasted on each tag. In 1905 this system was extended to include commercial feeding stuffs (stock feed). In 1906 Kentucky adopted a similar law, followed the next year by Georgia, Iowa and Texas, and later by Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Indiana and Kansas. Tennessee has extended the inspection tax to grass, clover and cereal seed, Missouri to beer, and North Carolina to gasoline and coal oil.

It will be seen that the purposes of the inspection taxes are entirely different from the documentary taxes. While the latter are comparatively heavy and levied for the express purpose of revenue only; the former is a very light tax levied with the sole purpose of paying the expenses of state supervision of a specific industry.

Personally, I collect only those stamps which show their denomination expressed in United States currency on their face. This division is entirely arbitrary as all inspection stamps and near stamps are issued for the same purpose, are used in the same way and pay the same tax. I feel, though, that one must draw the line somewhere, and I choose to draw it where it will separate those labels which most resemble what we are accustomed to call stamps from those which more nearly resemble something else. Nearly all of them show the denomination in pounds, also most of them are adhesive stamps, while some of them like those of Texas and some of the other states are merely tags and some like the North Carolina oil stamps take the form of certificates, and although they show the denominational value in dollars and cents they are as big as the common bank check and are not adhesives.

While the design of the higher form of inspection stamps consists only of a printed set of instructions for its use and the signature of the Commissioners of Agriculture for their respective states, they are replete in brilliant colors, and all kinds of perforations, roulettes and other varieties delightful to the philatelist.

While the documentary series have been listed in the French revenue catalogues of Moens and Yvert and Tellier and in this country in those of Sterling and Adenaw and latterly by Kenyon and Bartlett, the only catalogue so far to list the inspection stamps is that of Bartlett published by the United States Revenue Society in 1910, and that only contains about half of them as the past three years has seen a steady increase in their use.

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—When you renew your subscription add 50c for the Goodwin book. A dollar will be easy to send.

—A correspondent informs us that a 25c value will be added to the current set of U. S. stamps instead of the 30c previously reported. Definite information will no doubt be shortly obtainable.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Hugo Kuenstler (3), Paul Hedrick (4).

—W. S. Aldrich reports H. C. Bouldin, Cleburne, Tex., also Jacob Neist, Gen. Del., Albert Lea, Minn. The latter party referred to the First National Bank, which replies to Mr. Aldrich as follows:—"Know nothing of the party mentioned."

—The stamp collectors of Mobile, Ala., are arranging to organize a stamp club. J. Nelson Polhamus, the Cuban Consul at this city, says that the new map issue of Cuba will soon be withdrawn and a new set supplied with designs showing Cuban heroes and statesmen.

—Our issue of April 4 contained an advertisement of the McGraw Stamp Co. in which there was a descriptive line "Unusual Auction Rules." This is a self-evident mistake and probably none of our subscribers were misled. "Usual Auction Rules" should have appeared.

—John V. Mayer informs us that he has received a Sonora 4c and 10c surcharged in black "Victoria de Torreon, April 2, 1914." The overprint is in three lines. The surcharged stamps were evidently issued to commemorate the victory of the Constitutionalist army at Torreon. We should like to know more about the authenticity of these stamps.

THE IMPROVED NEW SPELLING.

"It is true," says the *Philatelic West* of "entires," that they are "harder to get and harder to keep than the adhesive or squar-cut stamps." We always thought someone would take up the "cujels" in favour of "psocards," "wroppers," "covrs," etc., just as they are doing for "lcls" and "tlegraphs." The current number of the *West* is a rather amusing one, chiefly on account of its spelling. We are told for instance that Mr. C. A. Wowes is a noted philatelic writer (a rival perhaps of C. A. Howes), and that the "marekt" is flooded with Liberian trash, and a score or more similar curiosities. But then the *West* is such a bulky paper, and brings such a conglomeration of news on stamps that we should miss it surely if it did not bring us its monthly budget of typographical eccentricities. But we like the candour of the genial gentleman who conducts the "department of enquiry," and who received a free fountain pen from an advertiser, a gift which receives a suitable recommendation in the paper. The writer goes on to ask "has anybody else anything he wants me to try?" If this is an implied promise to try everything advertisers like to send along, our friend may be deluged with samples of Antipon, Allen's Foot-ease (widely advertised American stuff, not a cocktail!) and other equally serviceable articles.—*Postage Stamp.*

BRITISH COLONIALS WITH "WHITE BACKS."

The arrival some weeks ago of certain Colonial stamps upon surface tinted papers instead of dyed papers caused no mild excitement or speculation in many quarters.

The demand for the dyed papers became the talk of the moment, and the new tinted papers were left out in the cold.

In the meantime collectors have changed their views as to the desirability of the dyed papers, for all now tends to show that the "white backs" will turn out to the better of the two from a market point of view.

We learn from a new issue service importer that all the stamps now coming into this country are again on the old dyed papers—a state of affairs that the *Colonial Office Journal* informed us of some time ago.

It is, however, more than probable that the tinted papers will turn up again at odd times for the stamps of certain Colonies, but in this event it is not to be assumed that these are new printings or that resource has again been made to surface coloured papers, but rather that the supplies on tinted papers have been covered by the new stock on dyed papers, and therefore will only come out as the stock of this or that country diminishes.

This has occurred once or twice with the stamps of our own country—a certain control coming out and appearing again later after the new control has been in use some time.—*Stamp Collecting.*

THE NEW DENVER SOCIETY.

By MAITLAND MILLIKEN, Denver, Colo.

Pursuant to a call, twenty-one collectors met at my offices, March 30, and held a meeting which resulted in the formation of The Mountain States Philatelic Society. As the name implies the new society will take in members not only of Denver but those in Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and perhaps Utah. The meeting adjourned to meet again April 7, when we will have an election of officers and hear reports of three different committees. I will send you full particulars including a list of newly elected officers. The new society will, no doubt, be a much needed pillar of Philately in the Far West.

Latest.—Following are the names of the newly elected officers: Chas. Huscher, President; Paul R. Byrum, Vice President; C. Gordon Adams, Secretary; Robert A. Turner, Corresponding Secretary; and Maitland Milliken, Treasurer. We have five directors. The society will meet every first and third Tuesdays of each month, at 404-405 Foster Building, Denver, and will be incorporated under the laws of Colorado. Membership fee, $1. The Denver Stamp Club was consolidated with the society. As the title implies, it is our desire to have collectors residing in Wyoming, New Mexico, Utah, Western Nebraska and Kansas, become members, as well as those in Colorado. James K. Doughty of Lamar, Colorado, has the pleasure of being in attendance and, of course, joined our society. He brought his fine collections for display.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

The First Banquet—We have come into possession of a letter-sheet, Grant, two-cent green, the first issue without series number, that indeed has the charm of sentiment, as printed on the reverse of the sheet is the following invitation: "Chicago, August 6, 1887. Mr. ———. Your presence is requested at the Banquet tendered to the American Philatelic Association by the Chicago Philatelic Society, at the Tremont House, on Tuesday, August 9, 1887, at 9 P. M. S. B. Bradt, President. Geo. S. Wilson, C. R. Gadsden, P. M. Wolsieffer, J. H. Huber, Committee on Arrangements." This banquet has gone down in the history of the American Philatelic Society as the most brilliant in the annals of the organization according to the statements made by those who attended it and invariably "sigh retrospectively" when speaking of this banquet. Messrs. Bradt and Gadsden are not interested in Philately at present but Messrs. Wolsieffer and Huber are twenty-seven years after.

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Blissful Ignorance—In a recent prize question contest, instigated by Bill Bloss, the following question was submitted, among others: "What territory in Asia is named after a popular form of baseball?" Answer: "Indore, (India (Holkar))." Just two of the giant intellects that grappled with the question answered it correctly, thereby showing that the baseball situation is very much muddled in the minds of philatelists.

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Bowled Them Over—Speaking of "what every philatelist ought to know" leads us to mention a modern instance of how a simple question stumped a man who worked on cataloging U. S. stamps for many years; and all the other members in the room kept him company likewise, by failing to answer: "What is pictured on the three-dollar Columbian issue of the United States?" Of course our readers will have the answer at their tongues' tips but assuming that one or two of them may be tongue-tied just for the moment, we say: "Columbus Describing His Third Voyage."

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Navy Cancellations—In a list of "United States Naval Vessels in which Navy Mail Service was in Operation, March 31, 1914," we count ninety-seven ships. The cancellations of the different vessels are interesting and judging from the one before us take this form: "U. S. S., Oct. 13, P. M., 1913, New Hampshire. Tampico, Mexico." We can imagine that collecting these cancellations would be a fascinating pursuit, particularly as they would show foreign postmarks on the United States in so many cases.

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Misses Fire—Philately is not always fortunate in the attention that it attracts from commentators of some celebrity in the larger or public world. Perhaps it is more truthful to say "stamp collecting" rather than "philately" for it is evident that these writers have only the most rudimentary conception of philately as it is. Because of their loyalty to their hobby, stamp collectors are inclined to complain of belittling or even unappreciative comment in print but looking deeper, there is small cause for resentment as philately latterly has been faring much better than it did a decade ago in treatment by the press. In reality there is so much to philately that one who has never inquired into it cannot but render his remarks ridiculous by off-hand observations although we admit that there is a small class of recalcitrants who do know something of philately but can see nothing in it; and this is a case of temperamental opposition. These thoughts are more or less germane to certain statements made by Frank Crane, a forceful, philosophic writer whose work is syndicated in the newspapers. From our point of view he is not seen to best advantage in the following paragraphs: ". . . . The other day two postage stamps were sold in Paris for $1,000. Thy had been issued by some island country. Immediately afterward an earthquake swallowed up the place, and only these two of the whole issue of stamps happened to escape in the mail." These quoted words followed the announcement that a London de Rothschild is said to have paid $5,000 for an excessively rare specimen of flea. Thus are fleas and philately placed in unhappy juxtaposition.

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Off The Same Bolt—Continuing with Mr. Crane, whom we introduced in the foregoing paragraph: He says that when his ship comes in, he will have "a bigger and fiercer flea than Rothschild's, —preferably a hippopotamus flea;" and here he tilts at philately: "Then I shall get me a couple of stamps. I shall visit the Ahkoond of Swat or Mr. Villa of Mexico and have printed a special edition of two heathen stamps, just for me, for which I shall pay $20,000 apiece, and turn all philatelists greener and purpler with envy than my stamps. . . . When I get lonesome I will go and play with my flea." This reminds us of Ward Thirteen in the Asylum for the Addled.

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Then Again—There is another side to the picture. Clare Briggs, cartoonist for the Chicago *Tribune* who is a master analyst of human nature of the homely type has made a deep impression with his pictorial series, "The Days of Real Sport," which depicts phases of boy and girl life as suggested by the heading. He has very patly and understandingly brought stamp collecting into his pictures on several occasions in the past; and in his latest picture, "Spring," he shows an urchin in wide-mouthed ecstasy, yelling, "Oh Skin-*Nay!* C'mon over. I got sum new stamps!" and in one hand the boy flourishes a beloved packet. One can remember those bygone days many Aprils ago, when pleasant thrills accompanied the examination of the wonderful stamp packet, "unexcelled for value," in the words of the dealer at least.

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Special Stamp—The Christian Science Monitor showed recently an enlarged "reproduction of stamp designed for Norwegian exhibition." The central figure is that of the coat-of-arms of Norway; and above are the dates, 1814 and 1914. We quote the following historical details from the text accompanying the illustration: "For 400 years up to 1814 the Danish kings were also hereditary kings of Norway, but when the Kiel treaty was concluded, the Danish King had to renounce the throne of Norway in favor of the King of Sweden in consequence of the support he had given to Napoleon. This occurred in January, 1814." The Norwegian people opposed the terms of this treaty and her emissaries to Eidsvold "formulated and adopted the present democratic constitution on May 17, 1814." Later in the year the King of Sweden recognized this constitution and was made king by the national assembly of Norway. The centenary of this event is to be celebrated by an exhibition at Christiania; and a special stamp has been issued to commemorate the enterprise. From the description, we cannot tell just what philatelic status the issue will have, if any.

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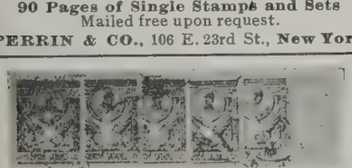
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THE STAMPS OF OLDENBURG.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

THE FIFTH ISSUE.

On March 9th, 1861, the Prussian Postal Administration addressed the following circular to the various signatories to the German-Austrian Postal Union:—

Experience has shown that the differences in the colors of the stamps and stamped envelopes used by the various states in the postal convention make the ascertaining whether the correct postage has been paid very difficult. It is, therefore, desirable that the stamps and stamped envelopes of 1, 2 and 3sgr and their equivalents should have the same colors. In order to attain this the General Post Office has the honor to recommend the following propositions:—

I.—The said stamps to be printed in the colors shown by the enclosed envelopes:

1 silbergroschen=3 kreuzer (Rhine States)=5 new kreuzer=1½ schilling (Mecklenburg)=2 schilling (Hamburg and Lubeck)=3 grote (Bremen)=12½ centimes (Luxemburg), in *red.*

2sgr=6kr (Rhine States)=10 n. kr. =3sch (Mckl.)=3sch (Hbg. and Lbk.)=5grt (Brem.)=25c (Lux.) in *blue.*

3sgr=9kr (Rhine States)=15 n. kr. =5sch (Mckl.)=4sch (Hbg. and Lbk.)=7grt (Brem.)=37½c in *dark brown.*

II.—The same colors, according to the values, should be applied to the stamped envelopes.

III.—To facilitate the operation of obliteration all stamps should be affixed in the upper right-hand corner.

IV.—Proposed alterations, to come into force as soon as a new issue is required.

The General Post Office requests an answer to these propositions.

BERLIN, March 9, 1861.
General Post Office of the Kingdom of Prussia.
(Signed) WEDDIGS.

Nearly all the administrations assented to these proposals and in conformity to these suggestions Oldenburg issued a new series in 1862. As the issue of 1861 had hardly given satisfaction, Stalling was asked if he could not print the new stamps by some other process than lithography. It was suggested that the stamps be engraved but Stalling refused to undertake the work, owing to lack of the necessary facilities.

A requisition was, therefore, sent to the Prussian State Printing Works, asking if they would undertake to supply the new stamps. The printing works replied that they were prepared to execute the order at a cost of about $37.50 for the necessary dies and plates for each denomination in addition to the cost of printing.

The Postal Administration of Oldenburg agreed to the price and it was decided the same design should be used for all five values (the ¼gr was dropped from this series as being no longer necessary). The design shows the arms of the Grand-duchy surmounted by a ducal coronet, embossed on an oval ground of solid color. This is enclosed within an oval band on which, on an engine turned ground, is the name "OLDENBURG" at top, and the value in words at the base, while on small discs at the sides the numerals of value are displayed. There was no exterior rectangular frame. The arms were engraved on steel by Herr Schilling; from this die Weitmann, a mechanician, made a punch with the aid of which he sunk five dies of the Arms, around which oval bands were engine-turned and engraved by Schilling. From these completed dies, Mr. Westoby tells us, "fifty lead moulds were taken, and these were clamped together in five rows of ten. From this block of fifty-two electrotypes were taken, making, when combined, the printing plates of 100 stamps. The rows were numbered at the top, bottom and sides, as was the practice with almost all the stamps embossed at Berlin." The stamps were printed on plain white paper and were rouletted in line. At first the roulettes gauged 11½ but in 1867 a new machine gauging 10 was used. Five printings were made in all, the dates of delivery of these being June 26th, 1862, October 31st, 1863, September 30th, 1864, December 21st, 1865, and January 11th, 1867. The total quantities printed were:

⅓ groschen,	490,000
½ groschen,	240,000
1 groschen,	2,100,000
2 groschen,	380,000
3 groschen,	380,000

The 1 groschen of this series is occasionally found bisected and the halves used as ½ groschen but such use was never officially authorized.

Shades of all values may be found. These stamps were withdrawn from use on January 1st, 1868, when Oldenburg joined the North German Confederation.



Reference List.

1862. Embossed. Rouletted 10 or 11½.
15. 1/3gr green, Scott's Nos. 16, 21 or 21a.
16. ½gr orange, Scott's Nos. 17, 22 or 22a.
17. 1gr rose, Scott's No. 18 or 23.
18. 2gr blue, Scott's Nos. 19, 24 or 24a.
19. 3gr bistre, Scott's No. 20 or 25.

REMAINDERS.

There have been no reprints of any of the Oldenburg stamps. The stones for the lithographed issues were always kept carefully under lock and key when not in use, and were defaced when new issues were made. The plates for the embossed issue were defaced at Berlin on February 18th, 1868, and the original dies were handed over to the Imperial Museum.

The ¼ groschen, as we have stated already, was discontinued, as there was very little use for it. The post-offices were ordered to return their stocks to headquarters and of the 35,000 or thereabouts so returned small lots were sold to various dealers from time to time at face value and on December 21st, 1863, the balance, amounting to 4790, were burnt.

When the Oldenburg stamps were superseded there remained on hand about 46,000 of the ⅓gr, 45,000 of the ½gr, 59,000 of the 1gr, 63,000 of the 2gr, and 36,000 of the 3gr. These were purchased from the Government in 1868 by Mr. Carl Dinklage of Oldenburg for $300. Mr. Dinklage sold comparatively few of these until 1875 when Mr. Berrig, of Hanover, paid him $750 for the stock.

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1906, 2½fr vermilion, used ..... .30
1fr violet, used ..... .10
50c brown, used ..... .04
37½c green, used ..... .04
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No. 225 ..... .07
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No. 227 ..... .02
No. 228 ..... .02
No. 229 ..... .02
No. 231 ..... .08
No. 233 ..... .02
No. 234 ..... .02
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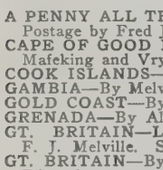
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UNITED STATES.—Donald H. Graham says he has made "another new discovery" in the new envelope line, of Dayton or Die D, var. 10, white paper, size 5, new knife, wmkd. "U S C E 1911."

ARGENTINE.—According to *Lemaire's Journal* the 4c and 30c values have appeared on watermarked paper. The values now current on this paper are the ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 and 30c, and 1, 5, 10 and 20p.

BAVARIA.—The following regarding the new postage stamps of Bavaria is an extract from a circular letter of the Minister of Commerce; the translation being furnished us by Hermann Focke:

Beginning with March 30, a new issue of postage stamps will be put into circulation. The new stamps will show two different portraits of the King from designs by Professor Walter Firle. All the stamps of the pfennig denomination are 21x25 mm. with a bust of the King in a circular frame, underneath in an oblong frame the word "Bayern" in the upper two corners the value. The mark values bear the picture of the King of recent date without spectacles; those of 1, 2 and 3 marks are 24x28 mm. with the portrait in a simple oval frame; those of 5, 10 and 20 marks are 34x40 mm. with the portrait framed by a laurel wreath; the word Bayern and the values are printed in a similar manner as on the pfennig values.

All the stamps are printed by so-called mezzotinto process, copper engraving. The watermark consists of wavy lines, running horizontally on the pfennig and the 5, 10 and 20 marks values and vertically on the 1, 2 and 3 marks.

The stamps are printed in sheets of 100 for the pfennig values, 50 for the 1, 2 and 3 marks and 40 for the 5, 10 and 20 marks, in the following colours; all on buff paper: 3pf brown; 5pf green; 10pf red; 20pf blue; 25pf grey; 30pf orange; 40pf olive; 50pf red-brown; 60pf blue-green; 80pf violet; 1mk brown; 2mk violet; 3mk red; 5mk dark blue; 10mk dark green; 20 marks dark brown.

All the pfennig values can be obtained in rolls of 500 and 1000 stamps at an additional cost of 11pf and 22pf per roll, respectively.

The stamp books will contain two leaves at 5 stamps at 10pf and four leaves at five stamps at 5pf and will cost two marks; the blank spaces will no longer be available for advertisements. The present issue of postage stamps will continue to be available until it is disposed of and the new stamps are to be furnished, only on special request, to the public. An exchange of the old for the new stamps will, for the present, not be permitted.

BELGIUM.—Mr. Schachne has shown us the latest entires for this country. Since the beginning of this year, the engraver's name has been omitted below the stamp and above the Sunday label.

Post Cards.

5c green on orange yellow; with engraver's name.
5x5c green on orange yellow; with engraver's name.
10c red on bluish gray; with engraver's name.
10x10c red on bluish gray; with engraver's name.
10c red on bluish gray; without engraver's name.

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10c red on green, without engraver's name.

CONGO.—Two new postal cards have just been issued. Both have divided face and the entire reverse is covered by local photographs.

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10c red on buff.

CUBA.—*L'Annonce Timbrologique* gives the following as the quantities printed of the new map stamps: 1c, 17,000,000; 2c, 30,000,000; 3c, 50,000; 5c, 3,500,000; 8c, 500,000; 10c, 1,000,000; 50c 1,000,000; 1p, 500,000; 10c special delivery, 50,000.

FRENCH GUINEA.—A new postage due set has been issued for this Colony, specimens having been shown us by Whitfield King & Co., and the New England Stamp Co. The design is mediocre in character and appearance. The inscriptions are very small, reading "Chiffre Tax—A Percevoir" in a circle around the central square containing the value. The name of the Colony appears at the top and "Afrique—Occidenale Francaise" at the bottom.

Postage Due Adhesives.

5c green.
10c carmine.
15c grey.
20c brown.
30c blue.
50c black.
60c orange.
1fr violet.

GOLD COAST.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 20sh value in the King George set.

Adhesive.

20sh violet and black on red.

INDIA.—W. T. Wilson has shown us various new surcharges on the regular India stamps, for use in the Convention States. All are from the "condemned head" die, which is to be changed as is definitely announced in the *Philatelic Journal of India* for March.

Chamba—1r ordinary and 2a, 4a and 1r "Service."

Gwalior—12a ordinary and 4a "Service." The latter value is said to be rare.

Jind—(Note the new spelling) 3p, ½a, 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 6a, 8a, 12a and 1r ordinary 3p, ½a, 1a, 2a, 4a, 8a and 1r "service." "Jhind" service stamps are very rare.

MALTA.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 2½d King George stamp.

Adhesive.

2½d ultramarine.

MAURITANIA.—This Colony also has a new postage due set exactly like that chronicled above for French Guinea, except the name of the Colony. Specimens have been shown us by Whitfield King & Co., and the New England Stamp Co.

Postage Due Adhesives.

5c green.
10c carmine.
15c gray.
20c brown.
30c blue.
50c black.
60c orange.
1fr violet.

NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke has shown us a cover franked by two of the 2c on 2p official stamps, recently chronicled, and also with a 4c post card of the Liberty set, surcharged "Un Centavo—de—Cordoba" in black and cut square.

Provisional Post Cards.

"Un centavo" on 4c brown lilac.

SPAIN.—A new post card has just been received by Mr. Schachne. It bears only one line of superscription: "Tarjeta Postal."

Post Card.

10c brick red on greenish gray.

ST. LUCIA.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 4d on yellow tinted paper.

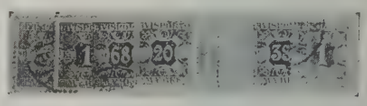
Adhesive.

4d carmine and black on yellow tinted.

SENEGAL.—The New England Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new set. The design was illustrated some time since, and shows a native market scene. The stamps are a horizontal oblong, with "Afrique Occidentale Francaise" at the top and "Senegal" below. All are bicolored and the value appears at the ends without the "c."

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2c black and blue.
4c grey and brown.
5c yellow-green and green.
10c orange and carmine.
20c violet brown and black.
25c ultramarine and blue.
30c black and carmine.
35c orange and violet.
40c violet and green.
45c dark blue and brown.
50c violet brown and blue.
75c grey and carmine.
1fr violet and black.
2fr carmine and blue.
5fr green and violet.

TETE.—Whitfield King report the issue of the Ceres set for this country, the colors and values being the same as for the home country and the other colonies having a similar currency system.

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Adhesives.

½a olive brown.
1a black.
2a blue-green.
3a chocolate.
4a carmine.
6a lilac.
10a blue.
12a bistre.
16a slate.
20a orange-brown.
40a lake.
58a sepia on green.
76a brown on pink.
1p orange on salmon.
3p green on blue.

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Adhesives.

1c brown violet and violet.
2c grey and lilac.
4c black and blue.
5c yellow-green and green.
10c orange and carmine.
20c lilac and black.
25c ultramarine and blue.
30c brown and red brown.
35c carmine and violet.
40c grey and carmine.
45c blue and brown.
50c black and green.
75c orange and brown.
1fr brown and lilac.
2fr green and blue.
5fr violet and black.

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THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S AUNT.

No. I.

Three thousand years ago today,
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From Memphis to Euphrates.

So there were proud men in Amu
Who could not well refuse a
Correctly stamp'd epistle to
A citizen of Susa.

And there were clerks in Babylon,
Postmasters too, in Lagash;
And post-boys riding hard for On,
Who did the king's highway gash.

Now in this town of On abode,
Beside the Nile's bisection,
A boy who all his heart bestow'd
Upon a stamp collection.

The King of Egypt you would know?
I find the point a teaser.
It might be Ka, or Sma, or Ro,
Or Nar, or Zar, or Zeser.

But though locate the King I can't,
One thing as clear as day is:
This little boy lived with his aunt,
Beside the road to Sais.

O he had stamps from Hipponon,
And stamps from Par-rehehu;
And stamps with holy hippos on,
And holy cats that me-hew.

And he had piles and piles and piles
Of Semenkhet and Khufu,
And dogs and hawks and crocodiles;
And yet he thought them too few,

Now hear the tragic end, ye aunts,
And mind your nephews' playthings!
She ground them up while potting plants;
You see these stamps were clay things.

No. II.

Nathaniel Beveridge was a man
Who, ever since his youth began
In 2, The Avenue, Tufnell Park,
Was a Philatelist of mark.
Those were Philately's great days,
When Uncle Harry fed the blaze
With old Colonial correspondence
Containing "Errors" in abundance.
When fourpence surcharged on a penny
Roused little interest, if any,
And when the future Stanley Gibbons
Wore caps of lace entwined with ribbons.
But Beveridge was a clever lad
And the prophetic instinct had.
He had an Aunt—his Aunty Sue,
Who lived at Hackney (Pleasant View),
And there he used to go to tea
Every two Sundays out of three.
A pet of him she rather made
Because he liked her marmalade.
This Aunt had in her girlhood's leisure
Stuck stamps within a book for pleasure.
She did not know, what Nat had seen,
The book contained a tuppence green!
But Nat did, and he eyed his plate,
And asked his Aunty for it straight.
But such are people! Though you can't
Prevent them giving what they want,
Ask them for something which they don't
Merely because you ask, they won't.
His Aunt was cross. She grew depressed.
She said she liked his sister best,
On whose small wrist she then and there
Clasped a large bracelet of her hair.
And—such, my friends, old ladies are—
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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Maitland Milliken has been appointed purchasing agent for the society by the executive committee, and Edward W. Heusinger, superintendent of the sales department. These gentlemen may now be addressed by our fellow members for anything in their lines, and the secretary hopes that all will now go into the subject with renewed vigor and with as much enthusiasm as they have gone into their respective offices.

Dues received since last report from Nos. 9, 209, 134, 34, 182, 222, 188, 152, and 178. Total, $7.50. A few members are still delinquent. The secretary wishes to hear from them before getting the new membership list printed. He wants to retain all present members and add greatly to the present number.

In reference to president Schachne's circular a direct answer, "yes" or "no" is requested from *every* member to three questions: "Do you favor the issue of a Monthly Bulletin?" "Do you favor publishing a yearly catalogue of postals?" "Do you favor the purchase of Mr. Schachne's stock and collection?" Otherwise the secretary cannot tabulate the opinion of the society.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.

ARGUSVILLE, March 31, 1914.

PURCHASING AGENT'S REPORT.

I have been appointed to take charge of this department.

The object of this department is to secure unused new issue postal and letter cards direct from foreign countries at the lowest possible cost to members.

A letter explaining the above system will be sent out to members in a few days and I trust that the members will respond heartily at once so we may get the department machinery in working order.

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CHAPTER XXI.—*Postage Due Stamps.*

(This is a sample chapter from Poole's splendid book of which there are no less than thirty-two chapters dealing with all the intricacies of stamp collecting. Remit 25c to this office and have a book sent you.)

In addition to ordinary postage stamps—that is stamps issued for the use of the general public for the franking of postal packages—certain countries also issue stamps for special purposes and as these are included in the catalogues it will be as well to make brief mention of them and the uses for which they are intended.

Postage due or "unpaid letter" stamps are labels issued for the collection of deficient postage. When a letter has been mailed without stamps or with insufficient stamps to cover the proper postal rate the amount due is collected from the addressee and the sum to be collected is in many countries indicated by these special postage due labels. In most English speaking countries these labels bear the words "POSTAGE DUE," either as part of the special design or in the shape of an overprint, so that they are easily recognizable. Below I give a list of inscriptions found upon the postage due stamps of other countries so that the beginner should have no difficulty in recognizing them.

A payer—(To pay). Appears upon the stamps of Belgium and Luxemberg.

A percevoir—(To pay). Found upon the stamps of Belgium, Egypt, France and its Colonies, Hayti, and Monaco.

A receber—(To be received). Occurs upon the stamps of Portugal and its Colonies.

At betale—(To pay). Appears only upon the stamps of Norway.

Chiffre Taxe—(Total amount of tax). Found upon the stamps of France and its Colonies and also on those of Hayti.

Deficiente—(Deficient). Found upon the stamps of Nicaragua.

Deficit—(Deficit or deficiency). Appears upon the stamps of Peru.

Franqueo Deficiente—(Deficient Postage). Found upon the stamps of Ecuador, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Salvador.

Lösen—(To pay). Appears only upon the stamps of Sweden.

Milit. Post. Portomarke. Appears upon the stamps of Bosnia-Herzegovina. This means literally "Military Post penalty stamp," the first two words referring to the fact that though under the nominal suzerainty of Turkey, the provinces were occupied by Austrian troops and Austria had entire charge of the posts.

Multa—(Fine). Appears on the stamps of Chili and Costa Rica.

Multada—(Fined). Found only upon the stamps of Chili.

Porteado a Receber—(Postage to be received). Appears upon the stamps of Portugal and its Colonies.

Portomarke—(Penalty Stamp). Appears upon the stamps of Austria and Norway.

Segnatasse—(Postage Due). Found upon the stamps of Italy and San Marino.

Sobreporte—(Over-postage). Found upon the stamps of Colombia.

Surcharge Postage. This inscription is shown upon the postage due stamps of Grenada and Trinidad.

T.—A large "T" overprinted on some of the stamps of Bulgaria and Abyssinia shows they were converted into postage due labels. The postage due stamps of the Dominican Republic merely have a letter "T" engraved in each corner.

Takca—(Tax). Found upon the stamps of Bulgaria.

Tasa—(Tax). Appears upon the stamps of Uruguay.

Taxa de Plata—(Money fine). Is shown upon the stamps of Roumania.

Taxa Divida—(Tax due). Found upon the stamps of Brazil.

Taxe a Perçevoir—(Tax to pay). Is overprinted upon some of the ordinary stamps of Abyssinia to convert them into postage due labels.

Tebetalen—(*To Pay*). Appears upon the stamps of Belgium, Holland and Colonies.

THE KING'S COLLECTION.

By FRED J. MELVILLE.

The subject of errors in stamps has been much to the fore of late, and the Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society have recently held a display of remarkable examples selected from their collections for the occasion. The *London Philatelist* gives a list of some of the most interesting examples sent for display by his Majesty the King. Among these were several copies of the Mauritius 2d "Post Paid" stamp, with the error "Penoe" for "Pence." These included an unused and a used example showing the first state of the plate, and the well-known unique block of five unused stamps (including the error) of the second state of the plate.

Among the New South Wales errors exhibited by his Majesty was a used pair of the 1d Sydney View, plate 2, one of the stamps being the variety without clouds. The 2d, plate 2, was shown with the word "crevit" omitted from the motto, "Sic fortis Etruria crevit" (thus brave Etruria grew). Another of this Colony's rare errors shown was the 6d "laureated" issue, plate 1, with the name "Walls" for "Wales."

Other scarce stamps included in the display were the 1s Barbados, 1866, printed in blue instead of black; the Gibraltar Queen's head stamp, from which the value (usually inserted at a second printing) was omitted; the 8 annas Jhind, with the name spelt "Jeind" and the Grenada 1s, with the value spelt "Shiilling." There was an imperforate pair of the 4d Queen's head Malta, and the rare 32 cents carmine-rose stamp (without surcharge) of the Straits Settlements.

Another error of special interest in the King's collection is of a class very rarely met with. It will be remembered that during the siege of Mafeking provisional postage stamps were manufactured in the besieged town, and those bearing a portrait of Baden-Powell were produced by photography on blue ferro-prussiate paper. Of the small size variety of the 3d stamp, with the head of Baden-Powell, there was one small sheet printed in reverse, due to the negative being wrongly placed in the photographic printing frame. Only seven or eight copies of this error are known.

Yet another error submitted from the Royal collection for the meeting was a penny St. Helena stamp of King Edward's reign, printed as recently as 1911. There were two different penny stamps current in the colony at the time, one being of the ordinary small "King's head" type, printed in red, and the other a large pictorial stamp, printed in red and black. The pictorial stamp was not in much favour locally, and there was a large stock on hand. In July, 1911, when it became known that there would be a delay in receiving the King George stamps, the Postmaster ordered a further supply of the Edwardian stamps of the values 1d, 2½d, 4d, and 6d. The order called for the "1d red," but did not specify the type, and the printers used the large pictorial type, printing it all in red. To the chagrin of the postmaster, who had plenty of the large penny red and black stamps, he received a further consignment of these large stamps in red instead of the smaller and more convenient 1d red stamp. The errors were not put into circulation; his Majesty's copy is overprinted "Specimen," no copy without that overprint being known to collectors. Two other very rare St. Helena errors are the double surcharges 4d and 1s, which his Majesty showed as follows:

1s Queen's head, two vertical strips of ten stamps each, the fifth horizontal row of which has the double surcharge, while the two stamps of the bottom row are entirely without surcharge.

4d Queen's head, double surcharge, one measuring 18 mm., the other 19 mm.

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From the fine collection which the King has formed of the stamps of British Guiana he selected a good example of an error in a lithographed stamp. This was a valuable used pair of the 1 cent. stamp, lithographed in London, and issued in the Colony in 1852. The design consists of a shield with the familiar ship, and the inscription includes the motto of the Colony, "Damus petimusque vicissim," but throughout this issue this is misspelt "Patimus," an error which laid the colonists open to the charge of selecting that which was beyond their ability to spell, but which was actually the error of the lithographic artist in London.—*Telegraph.*

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The United States.

By LIONEL SARGEANT.

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5. The great appreciation in value which is taking place almost daily, both in this country and in America.

These attractions could be extended and enlarged upon, but in brief they are sufficient to justify the popularity of these beautiful stamps among collectors.

It is a matter of common knowledge that it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain well centred and lightly cancelled specimens; while the demand is stimulated by the existence of a large number of curious and interesting postmarks, which are well worth searching for.

Argentine.

By J. P. MACKENZIE.

In these days of specialism the claims of the great Argentine Republic, including the stamps of Buenos Ayres, Cordoba and Corrientes, should not be overlooked for, probably nowhere on the great South American Continent does such a fine field exist.

To a great extent it is free from much that has besmirched the names of other South American Republics, and in spite of all that has been written there remain many difficulties to surmount; but these after all form one of the chief joys of specialism, while its philatelic soundness is above reproach.

Argentine, as a whole, may seem too large a country to be handled satisfactorily, and for those who think so the following division is suggested:—

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Official stamps.

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These include the Ship type Buenos Ayres and the interesting imperforate Rivadavias of 1864-67.

Most of the early issues are very difficult to obtain in good condition used, and forgeries abound, but this section will yet prove a very sound investment to those who strive to master it.

The old stamps are yearly more difficult to obtain and are gradually rising in value.

In Division II. we have 22 issues (not including the officials) and these form a most interesting group, containing as they do some fine examples of the work of the American and National Bank Note Companies, together with a veritable portrait gallery of Argentine celebrities.

This division may well be taken up by some as a beginning to the study of Argentine as a whole, but by this it must not be inferred that rarities do not occur. To mention but a few let us cite for instance the minor varieties of the 1882 and 1884 provisionals; the 20 paras of 1891; to say nothing of the error of 1892, viz:—the 5c in the colour of the 2c green.

Of the latter stamp only one sheet was issued, and some years ago a single copy brought £30 at Auction in the City of Buenos Ayres.

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Mexico.

By S. CHAPMAN.

The making of a specialised collection of Mexico offers attractions beyond those which appeal to specialists in the stamps of most other countries, and I am of opinion that there is no one country which can combine so great a variety of inducements to study.

If we look at the matter from the standpoint of geography we find from the first issue the country was divided into districts, and it is desirable, if not indeed necessary, to have a good general knowledge as to the position of these districts, in order to deal with many points which arise in the course of arranging a collection.

History is linked up with the changes during the Maximilian regime, when for a short time while the stamps of the Empire were being generally used the so-called "Saltillo" issue was, to a limited extent, being employed in the north. In much the same way to-day the rebels in the Northern States have a temporary series of stamps for local use, while the regular series is used throughout the rest of the Republic.

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Where money is a consideration a start might be made with the 1874-1883 issues, as many things of interest are not recorded in the catalogues so far, and consequently can be picked up cheaply.

I have also found that the postcards, envelopes and wrappers of this country are exceedingly interesting. Many of the issues of postcards could have been "plated," had it been practicable to collect cards in pairs. As it is, however, the different types can be got together, and the cards and envelopes prior to 1884 can be collected by "districts," the same as the adhesive stamps.

Mexican entires have been well taken up in Germany, and I strongly recommend them to collectors here, while they are still obtainable cheaply.—*Philatelic Circular.*

NEW BAVARIA.

A number of the German papers bring more or less elaborate accounts of the new Bavarian stamps which are to appear about the first of April; we condense the accounts of the *Illustriertas Briefmarken-Journal* and the *Germania-Berichte.* It had been intended to issue the stamps on January 7th, the birthday of King Ludwig III, but the preparatory work consumed so much time that this did not prove feasible. The design of the adhesive stamps is by Professor Walter Firle, the celebrated Bavarian painter, while the design for the impressed stamps to be used on the entires is by Professor Otto Hupp, a noted authority on heraldic matters. The new adhesive stamps will bear two different portraits of the king. The pfennig values will be of the same size as the present 3 to 25 pfennig values, and will show an older portrait of the king in a circular frame, below the name BAYERN, in the upper corners the value. The portrait faces slightly to the right; the king is in the uniform of a field marshal and wears glasses. The mark values all bear a recent portrait of the king, also in a field marshal's uniform, but without glasses. On the 1, 2 and 3 mark values the portrait is in an oval frame; on the 5, 10 and 20 mark values it is framed by a laurel wreath; the inscriptions are the same as on the pfennig values.—*P. J. of A.*

THE CHARITY STAMPS.



The Swiss charity stamp pictured above was issued in December upon request of the "Pour la Jeunesse" Institution of the Swiss Public Utility Society. The postal value of the stamp is five centimes but its sale price was ten centimes, the difference in price being used in aid of the campaign against tuberculosis among the young. The validity of the stamps ceased February 28. While not usable in the foreign mails, the stamp was accepted by Bavaria, Denmark, Italy and Portugal.

The Hungary charity stamp was sold at two filler above the face value. The extra amount received was placed in a fund for the relief of the sufferers from the floods in Hungary. There was a large demand for the issue.

POSTAL SAVINGS STAMPS.

If the officials of the P. O. D. had their own way in the matter we believe that the postal savings stamps would soon meet the fate of the parcel post issue and be discontinued. In the latter case it was found that the postmaster general had authority to make improvements in the service and act independently of Congress, and one of his first moves was to abolish the special stamps. This same authority it seems does not apply to the Postal Savings System, and an Act of Congress would be necessary to abolish the special stamps.

In the beginning, postmasters were strictly instructed to dispose of postal savings stamps and envelopes "as waste." The customary method of doing this is to sell by contract all accumulations of waste paper, etc. In a conversation with Chief Thompson of the Postal Savings System the fact was brought out that the contractor who purchases the waste is entirely beyond the jurisdiction of the Department when it comes to utilizing such "waste" to the best advantage and he has a right to do what he pleases with any stamps and stamped envelopes that may come his way. Attention was also called to the fact that occasionally such stamps escaped cancellation and might thus find their way into collections in unused condition. At any rate the division chief did not even pretend to assert that such stamps could be subject to seizure by post office inspectors when found in private hands.—*Philatelic Gazette.*

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The enterprise of American dealers has carried them east and west in quest of business and we admire their energy and keen acumen. So far as the WEEKLY is concerned we, too, have not been slow in going after business to the corners of the earth.

The Managing Editor will journey abroad this summer and present the merits of the WEEKLY as the great philatelic publicity medium of the present day. We are desirous that dealers shall give us an invitation to call upon them but failing to receive the invitation we shall charge it up to the strenuous life and forgive them for the oversight.

We shall leave New York, July 1, on the new Frederick VIII, a fine boat of the Scandinavian-American line and our dealer friends should note our approximate schedule:—

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July 22-24, Stockholm.
July 27, Gothenburg.
July 28-31, Christiania.
Aug. 3, Copenhagen.
Aug. 5, The Hague.
Aug. 8, Brussels.
Aug. 10-15, London, Salisbury, Ipswich, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool.

We shall leave Liverpool, Aug. 15, on the new Aquitania of the Cunard Line.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Thing of Beauty—At a recent meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, Mr. F. E. Farnham exhibited a complete sheet, or strictly speaking, the right-hand pane of 150 stamps of the three-cent blue 1869 issue, United States. The sheets of this stamp were printed in 300 stamps, divided into two panes of 150 stamps each, side by side, as sold to the public. The stamps in each pane of 150 are in fifteen rows of ten stamps each. The margin between the two panes is indicated by an arrow at top and one at bottom; and the sheets as sold to the public were divided down the blank margin by knife or scissors. Mr. Farnham's sheet is in immaculate condition with firm grill and gum undisturbed in the slightest; and it is truly a mint sheet. The color is clear and the stamps are beautifully centered; and we cannot conceive of a more brilliant piece. The sheet bears plate-number 26 and the imprint, National Bank Note Co., covering a marginal space of two stamps at top and bottom is in each case, about halfway across the sheet. Between the fifth and sixth rows and tenth and eleventh rows, respectively, there is an arrow in blue, the color of the stamp, at the right-hand perforated margin for the accommodation of the postmaster in dividing the sheet into divisions of fifty stamps. If we possessed this grand sheet, it certainly would be "unique."

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Nothing Extra—We are reminded that a question that is asked almost constantly is: What is the value of the three-cent, 1869, used without grill? There is "no such thing" as a used three-cent, 1869, without grill. If the used ungrilled stamp is not a re-issue, it only seems to be ungrilled. If the grill is not to be seen, it is yet there in theory; and if a sheet escaped ungrilled and was used, nothing of moment is proved. The catalogue note is a fair statement of the standing of the ungrilled 1869.

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A Near Baltimore—From H. S. Beebe, we have received the inquiry: "I have on a rectangle of paper cut from an envelope, size 1¼ by 4½, the autograph of James Buchanan franking same. The word, Free, is written above it in the same hand, while below it is the same word in print, evidently stamped. I enclose a more or less accurate tracing of it." This "James Buchanan" autograph is much the same as the "James M. Buchanan" autograph on the Baltimore provisional envelopes; and is of philatelic interest anyway as a frank of the postmaster, even though it has no dollars and cents value.

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Willing Worker—We notice that a contemporary is behaving snappishly towards *Everybody's Philatelist*, a monthly that deserves well of all collectors. The comment more or less splenitic at th expense of *Everybody's* seems to be based on the fact that Dr. Holt's paper is an endowed one, as if this circumstance was discreditable when the contrary is the case. We know Dr. Holt of old and our expectations of a meritorious publication by him of some permanence at least have not been disappointed. The editor of *Everybody's* is a forehanded person who knows of the mutations and the fitfulness of publishing life; and consequently, he sought to minimize the dangers of the future by creating an endowment fund which would certify the perpetuation of his journal. At first, we thought the plan rather nebulous and that Dr. Holt's efforts were not destined to meet with their just reward; but the impelling force of sincere conviction has been demonstrated thus far by the fact that the endowment fund now amounts to $4,177, according to the pledges made to date. The purpose of the fixed fund is to provide for the future and not the present as upon the death of Dr. Holt the magazine will be turned over to the trustees of the fund, the interest on which will do much to sustain the paper. We say that when a man so loves his stamps that he will spare neither his time nor his purse in publishing a thanks offering to philately, he should be commended; and when he is so enterprising as to invent ways and means for the continuance of his paper after his death, one may become enthusiastic over the unselfish motives of the publisher. We hope that Dr. Holt will continue to publish his worthy journal and ignore the jeers of the jaundiced; but if he should be compelled to stop his work by inexorable conditions, philately would be the loser.

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Death of Frederick A. Nast—The death of Frederick A. Nast on March 8th, 1914, at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where Mr. Nast had gone to regain his health removed a collector whose example reflected lustre on philately. Mr. Nast was a prominent New York collector and as an early advocate of the pleasures of philately, Mr. Nast wielded a favoring influence on his pursuit. He was an officer in the past in New York philatelic societies and at one time was a governor of the Collectors' Club. Mr. Nast sold his collection to Mr. Thorne many years ago and this collection was the nucleus of the celebrated Thorne collection which was sold for a record price to a large firm, ten years ago or more. Mr. Nast wrote scholarly articles occasionally for the philatelic press; and his catalogue of United States envelopes compiled for J. W. Scott was one of the first and best lists of the kind. At the time of his death, Mr. Nast was sixty-eight years of age; and for forty-eight years, he had been connected with Harper & Brothers, where he served actively in both the commercial and literary departments of the business. A "Resolution prepared by Mr. Phayre and adopted by Harper & Brothers, March 10, 1914" is a touching memorial printed by Harper & Brothers, wherein Mr. Nast's attributes of mind are praised and his "endearing qualities of fidelity, generosity and unfailing sympathy of heart" are extolled. His associates share the bereavement of the family; Mr. Nast was unmarried and Mr. Charles A. Nast of Denver, whose philatelic work is so well known, is one of three surviving brothers. Another of the illustrious men of early philately has gone from us.

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Letters Attached To Parcels—Amended orders governing the carriage of "communications prepaid at the first-class rate attached to parcels mailed at the fourth-class rate of postage" have been issued recently. Of course, stamps sufficient to pay the first-class postage and also, the fourth-class postage must be affixed to communication and parcel, respectively; and the interesting information is added: "The stamps affixed to the envelope should be canceled in the same manner as the stamps on the parcel are canceled. As the regulation provides that the parcel and communication attached thereto shall in all cases be treated as fourth-class mail, persons authorized to use precanceled stamps may affix such stamps to the envelope in prepayment of postage on the communication when such stamps are used on the parcel. The regulations applicable to postmarking first-class matter do not apply to communication attached to parcels of fourth-class matter," etc.

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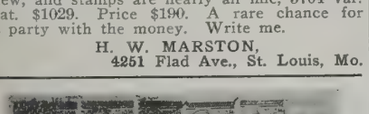
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—E. S. Allen of Newark, N. J., has changed his address and wishes us to call attention to the fact. Mr. Allen's advertisement in the trade column will give the desired information.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from David Horwitz, J. V. Doyle.

—In accordance with his usual custom H. Wesley Legg has removed for the summer to Pepperell, Mass., where correspondents will kindly address him.

—M. D. Olmstead, the Concord, N. H., dealer, who has used quite a little advertising space during the past two years, has met with an accident which will incapacitate him from labor for several months. He is a member of the Concord post office bowling team and, while in the act of delivering the ball on one of the local alleys, slipped and fell in such a way as to break the thigh bone.

—Rutherford Wysong, The Seville, 2129 18th St., N. W., Washington, D. C., has a large number of back issues of the WEEKLY that he is willing to dispose of, preferably to some stamp society. Interested parties will please communicate with Mr. Wysong.

—We are deeply pained to record the death of Jesse W. Sargent, an oldtime collector of Malden, Mass. Mr. Sargent was attending the Easter Sunday services at the First Universalist Church, Malden, with his Masonic Commandery, when he suddenly fell dead, stricken with heart disease. Mr. Sargent was well-known among Boston collectors and dealers and was a member of the Boston Philatelic Society.

—A specimen of provisional paper money issued by the state of Sonora has been shown the WEEKLY by Benedict Prieth. It is quite crude and could be counterfeited with ease were there any profit in counterfeiting the same. The face is printed in red and black and the reverse side in green. The familiar seal design of the stamps is printed on the currency in red with the serial number.

—Bright & Son offer for our perusal a letter received from a satisfied customer who extends congratulations upon the 10% new issues service which has been inaugurated by this firm.

—Walter Palmer, Jamestown, Ind., requested a selection of stamps from H. Glover Bennett, giving as reference Bates Loan-Real Estate Co. A letter addressed to this company was returned marked "Unclaimed."

—The eighteenth annual meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association was held in San Antonio, April 9, with a large attendance of members and visitors. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Edward W. Heusinger, President; Chas. Roemer, Vice-President; Geo. W. Coryell, Sales Supt.; E. A. Bailey, Sec.-Treas.; H. S. Parsons, Librarian.

MARKET NOTES.

By W. BUCKLAND EDWARDS.

British stamps used by the Royal Niger Company, and cancelled by an oblong rubber stamp, were at one time quite common, but have now become scarce, though it may be the old tale that as soon as one looks for a special thing it disappears. Their existence is of course well known, but it is not generally known that the same stamps were used in the Niger Coast Protectorate for a few months preceding the arrival of the overprinted issue "Oil Rivers," and are therefore capable of being classed as "British Used Abroad." They bear the usual official postmarks, Old Calabar, Bonny, &c., but are much rarer than the Niger Co.'s stamps.

The large quantities of "Oil Rivers" in mint blocks still on the market have always puzzled me, for though they were only in use about 15 months, considerable numbers were used in that time, and many sheets of the remainders were sent out to the Protectorate for cancellation. The total numbers issued do not seem to have been excessive; 50,000 each of the ½d and 1d, 10,000 only of the 1sh are not figures for popular countries which suggest over supply. Yet these stamps do not appear to sell readily even at one-third catalogue. The 1sh value may perhaps be excepted, but the 2½d is very common, 72,000 of these were issued. To complete the list 42,000 of the 2d, and 36,000 of the 5d are figures given. Those who dislike postmarked-to-order stamps may expect a small round cancellation, much smaller than the usual official postmark, and traces of pink blotting paper on the back, no doubt originally used as a guard against the sheet sticking together, but possibly also an attempt to remove the gum.

The stamps of the West Indies are in considerable demand in the States, those of Jamaica, being especially favoured, so I am told. Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* foreshadows a rise in price for the Pine issue in the next catalogue, but no rise is justifiable unless condition is taken into account. There are lots of these stamps about for which a third of the present cat. prices would be dear, but one sees very few really fine copies, except of the 3d and 1sh values. I still find the 4d to be the most difficult to get, on account of its pale fugitive ink, and enquiry of cheap sellers invariably brings out copies which could not be put into a good collection. Even the 1d is scarce fine, and a perfectly centred copy wants a lot of finding. I see that a contemporary considers that there is still room for research in Jamaican stamps, and it is perhaps rather bold of me to say that I don't know where it is to be sought.

The differences of paper in the Pine issue might be looked into, but are probably only the usual variations of handmade paper. There might be other flaws than the now well-known "dollar" mark in the 1sh, or the Ser-et error in the Arms type, but I recently examined a whole sheet of the ½d single CA without any discovery of value. The bicolored "tablet" type might yield something to diligent study, and the first type Officials ditto, in fact it is only in these last that I see at present any possibility of further useful discoveries.—*Philatelic Circular.*

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—Donald H. Graham sends us further discoveries in the Dayton envelope dies, as chronicled in No. 1214, including var. 2 on white and var. 10 on amber, both size 5, watermarked "U S S E—1911." He also reports a specimen which has the word "States" almost touching the inner oval.

John F. Steward writes as follows, and proves his statement by submitting the strip in question:

"Frank E. Goodwin, in his article on 'Specialized United States' in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY for November 29, 1913, on page 413, states that the 3c stamps of 1895, printed on eight plates, the lowest of which was No. 91, and the highest No. 450. . . Now I have a strip of three of this stamp, with full imprint, and plate Number 1213 attached."

ANGOLA.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports the *Sweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* as chronicling the following new stationery in the Ceres type.

Post Cards.
1c blue green and black on buff.
1x1c blue green and black on buff.
2c carmine and black on white.
2x2c carmine and black on white.
Letter Cards.
2½c violet and black on buff.
2½x2½c violet and black on buff.
5c blue and black on white.

AUSTRALIA.—Frank Kocher shows new letter cards from Australia, with pictorial backs. There are many varieties, and we have not attempted to keep with their issue. Those sent by Mr. Kocher have a waterfall on the "Cairns Railway, Queensland," and "St. George's Terrace, Perth."

Letter Cards.
1d blue green on gray tinted.
1d violet brown on gray tinted.

BAVARIA.—We are able to supplement the information of last week, Whitfield King & Co. having shown us the values from 3pf to 1m inclusive, and the New England Stamp Co. the higher mark values. Stamp experts say series is the handsomest ever issued, the new mezzotint process having all the softness of a lithograph, and the clearness and precision of a steel engraving. The colors are admirably chosen to bring out the lines of the engraving. The higher mark values are of large size, and the portrait oval is surrounded by a large wreath, giving a finish and beauty to the stamp seldom seen. The colors were correctly stated last week, but the process of printing imparts a richness to the stamps, that gives the appearance of distinct new shades.

Mr. Schachne has received the 1914 issues of entires. Instead of the portrait of the Ruler, the cards now have an impressed stamp which bears the arms of the country, the denomination at top of stamp, "Bayern" at bottom. All have divided face.

Post Cards.
No value. black on buff.
5pf green on buff.
10pf red on buff.
5x5pf green on buff.
10x10pf red on buff.
Letter Card.
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We are officially informed by the District Accountant at Shanghai that the stamps showing a view of the Great Wall of China are Revenue stamps to be affixed on documents as directed by the Stamp Tax Law of China; the overprint in Chinese characters does not convert them into postage stamps, and they are not available for prepayment of postage.—*King's Monthly List.*

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE ISLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. report the full set for this colony, in the Ceres type, the values and colors being the same as previously chronicled for other colonies.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

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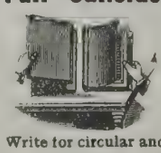
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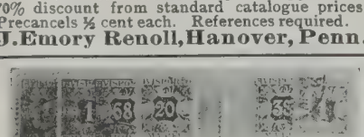
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I got three 2 sent stamps up in my rom I sed, wat will you give me for them.

Well, I dont need 3, sed Gladdis, but if you wunt to sell them I'll buy them frum you at the holesale rate of 5 sents.

Awl rite, I sed. And I went up in my room and opened my stamp album and took out three 2 sent stamps, wun beeing a Portugil stamp, wun beeing a Terkey stamp and wun beeing a Afferganistan stamp, probably beeing awl rite in thare own kuntrys wunts, but not beeing eny good enyware now, awn akkount of awl beeing cancelled, and wen I took them down to Gladdisses room she was reeding a book.

Heer they are, I sed. Not saying heer wat was.

Awl rite, sed Gladdis, going awn reeding.

Heer they are, I sed.

I herd you, sed Gladdis.

Well wares the 5 sents, I sed.

For hevvins sake, noboddy can owe you muny verry lawng, sed Gladdis, thare it is awn the bewro, and wile yure about it you can put wun of the stamps awn that lettir thare awn my desk and male it for me.

Wich I did, puting the Portugal stamp awn, awn akkount of me thinking Portugil was neerir than Terkey or Afferganistan.

Male it rite away, sed Gladdis, its importint.

Wich I went out to do, and who was taking lettirs out of the male box but a lettir carrier, and I sed to him, If sumboddy maled a lettir with a Portugil stamp awn it, wood enything happin.

Wood enything happin sed the lettir carrier. I shood say sumthing wood.

Wat, I sed.

War, sed the lettir carrier thats wat, war, Portugil wood send her army ovir heer and the persin that mailed that lettir wood be shot so full of cannin ball holes he wood nevvir cast anuthir shadow.

Even if the stamp was cancelled, I sed.

Yes, even if it was cancelled, sed the lettir carrier.

Well how about if it was a Terkey or a Afferganistan stamp, I sed.

War, jest the saim, sed the lettir carrier. And he put the lettirs in his bag and went away and I went erround to the drug stoar and bawt three 2 sent stamps, paying for them with Gladdises 5 sents and a sent of my own, making 6 sents, and I pasted wun of them ovir the Portugil stamp and maled the lettir and then I took the othir 2 stamps hoam and put them awn Gladdises desk and put the Terkey stamp and the Afferganistan stamp back in my album, costing me a sent but may be perventing 3 wars.—*Boston Herald.*

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INTRODUCTORY.

Nearly forty years subsequent to the first legislation introduced for the purpose of establishing a system of postal savings banks the bill creating the present system became effective. Credit for this accomplishment is due primarily to the efforts of Ex-Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., and Ex-Postmaster-General Hitchcock.

On March 26, 1911, the first Postal Savings banks in the United States were established. On this date the system was inaugurated in one post-office in each of nineteen states. On the following day twenty-five additional offices were established. The offices chosen were the ones showing the best efficiency record in each state. The following list shows the first office established in each state:—

Office.	*State.*	*Established.*
Globe	Arizona	Mar.26,1911
Oroville	California	" "
Leadville	Colorado	" "
Anaconda	Montana	" "
Cour d'Lane	Idaho	" "
Klamath Falls	Oregon	" "
Bessmer	Alabama	" "
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Middleboro	Kentucky	" "
New Iberia	Louisiana	" "
Rumford	Maine	" "
Frostburg	Maryland	Mar.27,1911
Norwood	Massachu'tts	" "
Houghton	Michigan	" "
Nebraska	Nebraska	" "
Carson City	Nevada	" "
Berlin	New H'shire	" "
Rutherford	New Jersey	" "
Raton	New Mexico	" "
Cohoes	New York	" "
Salisbury	No. Carolina	" "
Wahpeton	No. Dakota	" "
Astabula	Ohio	" "
Guyman	Oklahoma	Mar.27,1911
Dubois	Pennsylvania	" "
Bristol	Rhode Island	" "
Newbury	So. Carolina	" "
Deadwood	So. Dakota	" "
Johnson City	Tennessee	" "
Port Arthur	Texas	" "
Provo	Utah	" "
Montpelier	Vermont	" "
Clifton Forge	Virginia	" "
Grafton	W. Virginia	" "
Manitiwoc	Wisconsin	" "
Larimie	Wyoming	" "

The people of this country greeted this innovation with an immediate and enthusiastic response. From time to time additional offices were established until there were four hundred depositories in operation on June 30, 1911.

One year later, the number had been increased to 10,170 offices, at which time there were 243,801 depositors having to their credit a total of $20,237,084. A year later on June 30, 1913, there were 12,820 offices in operation, the number of depositors being 331,006 and the amount on deposit $33,818,870.

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New York,	411,769
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early months of 1911 by rumors to the effect that that stock of "dollar" denominations of the Series of 1902, then remaining at the Bureau, were to be appropriately surcharged for use in prepayment of postage on Postal Savings mail but the rumor did not materialize.

In connection with the Postal Savings banks, cards were issued to facilitate the saving of sums as small as ten cents. These cards have a face value of ten cents and on them, spaces are provided for the addition of nine Postal Savings stamps. These stamps are similar in design to the Official Postal Saving stamps and from their having been issued at the time the system was started, collectors have been somewhat interested in them although they bear an indirect relation to the stamps issued for prepayment of postage. The writer has included certain available data on the Postal Savings cards, stamps and envelopes for those collectors who are interested in these subjects.

THE PLATES.

The plates for the 1 cent, 2 cent, 10 cent, Postal Savings Official stamps and for the 10 cent Postal Saving stamp contains 400 subjects each, while those for the two higher values, the 50 cent and $1.00 Official stamps contained but 200 subjects each. The plates for the Postal Savings cards contained 18 subjects each. The 400 subject plates are arranged 20 by 20; the 200 subject plates 10 "high" by 20 "wide" while the plates for the cards are 3 "wide" by 6 "high."

The work was started on the plates for the Postal Saving Official stamps on July 1, 1910; for the Postal Saving Stamps on August 1, 1910 and for the Postal Saving cards on October 28, 1910.

The total number of plates made for Postal Savings stamps and cards and Official Postal Savings stamps is thirty-six. The first one made was Number 5,500 for the 2 cent stamps. The latest plate is Number 5,765 for the 10 cent *card*. Notes on the various printings are given under each denomination and reference list of all the plates is presented herewith:

5500	2c Official stamp.
5501	2c Official stamp.
5502	2c Official stamp.
5503	2c Official stamp.
5504	10c Saving stamp.
5505	10c Saving stamp.
5506	10c Saving stamp.
5507	10c Saving stamp.
5579	10c Saving card.
5580	10c Saving card.
5582	10c Saving card.
5583	10c Saving card.
5584	10c Saving card.
5586	10c Saving card.
5587	10c Saving card.
5588	10c Saving card.
5593	10c Saving card.
5594	10c Saving card.
5597	10c Saving card.
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5697	10c	Official Stamp.
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5700	10c	Savings Stamp.
5701	10c	Savings Card.
5702	10c	Savings Card.
5703	10c	Savings Stamp.
5704	10c	Savings Stamp.
5746	10c	Savings Card.
5752	10c	Savings Card.
5758	10c	Savings Card.
5765	10c	Savings Card.

The plates for the stamps listed above are "starred" plates made with varying spaces, horizontally, between the stamps.

The foregoing list was complete on December 3, 1913. Up to that date, five plates for the cards, Nos. 5597, 5746, 5752, 5758 and 5765 and one plate for the 10 cent Official stamp No. 5697 had not been used. The net total therefore of printed plates is as follows:

1 cent Official Stamps,	1
2 cent Official Stamps,	4
10 cent Official Stamps,	1
50 cent Official Stamps,	1
$1.00 Official Stamps,	1
10 cent Savings Stamps,	8
10 cent Savings Cards,	14
Not printed,	6
	36

That new plates for these Official stamps will ever be engraved is highly improbable. The life of a plate is about 100,000 impressions or 40,000,000 stamps and up to date the maximum service to which any plate for the Official stamps has been subjected is less than one-tenth of this quantity.

DOUBLE TRANSFERS.

Both the 2 cent and 10 cent Official stamps have been found showing a distinct double transfer in the form of a thin line through the top of the word "CENTS."

One copy of the 10 cent stamp was found in which the oval lines around the words "OFFICIAL MAIL" showed double together with various other details of the general design.

THE DESIGN.

The designs for all the denominations of Official stamps are the same except for the inscription of value. The design for the Postal Savings stamps is similar to that used for the Official stamps.

In the annual report of the Post Office Department for 1911 appears the following official description of the stamps and envelopes:

"Postal Savings Official Stamps. 1 cent purple, 2 cent black, 10 cent red, 50 cent green, 1 dollar blue. The stamp is a rectangle on end, of about the same size as an ordinary postage stamp. In the center is an ellipse containing the words "Official Mail" in white letters, the background within the ellipse being lathe work.

Outside of and following the curve of the ellipse are the words "U. S. Postal Savings" in white letters. In each lower corner is a numeral expressing the denomination and between these numerals the word "Cents" or "Dollar" appears in white letters. In the corners at the top are small triangular panels containing relief work.

Postal Savings Official Stamped Envelope. The embossed stamp is an ellipse on end. The color is red. In the center in plain gothic type appear the words "Official Mail" in two horizontal lines. In the upper half of the border are the words "U. S. Postal Savings" and in the lower, "Two 2 Cents," the numeral 2 being prominent."

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OUR MAY 30 SPECIAL NUMBER.

We have written scores of letters trying to help out young dealers in their quest for wholesale offers and office accessories. It is now the chance of the wholesaler to do the needful thing in connection with the use of the WEEKLY May 30. C. H. Holden will advertise an auction sale in that number, if not sooner published. L. V. Cass will take a half column. Who next?

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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Robert A. Turner favors us with the information that the fiscal stamps of the Mexican Constitutionalist Government have now been issued, and a sample set has been submitted for examination. The set is composed of two designs, the centavo values showing an eagle holding a reptile in its beak, while the peso values show Justice blinded holding scales. The stamps have the talons so common to Mexican revenues. The denominations and colors are as follows:

1c rose.	1p purple.
2c green.	5p gray.
3c orange.	10p brown.
5c red.	50p purple.
10c dark green.	100p blue.
25c blue.	
50c yellow.	

Mr. Turner writes us as follows:—"It was decided to eliminate the 500 pesos purple mentioned in my last letter. An order has just been placed with the printers here in Denver for 13,000,000 regular postage stamps in denominations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50c and 1 peso. The design has gone to Juarez for approval and the printing of all values will be rushed to a speedy completion."

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from C. H. Fowle (4).

—H. Tasker reports unsatisfactory dealings with George E. Meyer, John St., Waterloo, Canada, and would be glad to hear from interested parties.

—The first British postage due stamps were issued April 20. Four values comprise the series, viz.: ½d green, 1d red, 2d agate, and 5d brown, in an ornate design by G. W. Eve, with a large numeral of value in the centre and the national emblems rose, shamrock and thistle in the spandrels. The only inscriptions are the words "Postage Due" at the top and the value in words at the foot.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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OUR DEALER SPECIAL

Designed to impart the necessary information in regard to dealing in stamps our next special number will be issued May 30 and will have a goodly number of appropriate articles.

Designed to give the embryo dealer every chance to equip himself with stock as well as advice, dealers are urged to make wholesale offerings at attractive prices.

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Designed to feature the young dealer and his interests we have no patent on the idea and any of our contemporaries are welcome to join us even to the same day and date.

Remember the date May 30.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Time Will Tell—It is too early at this writing to predict what effect the armed interference or war with Mexico will have on philately in the United States. One of the methods that is always regarded as feasible by legislators to meet the financial emergency entailed by war is a revenue tax on documents and proprietary articles. The proposal already has been made to impose a tax of the kind to be collected by stamps after the manner adopted during the civil war period and that of the Spanish-American war in 1898. At least, stamp collectors may discuss the probabilities of a documentary and a proprietary series of revenue with such animation as they may care to bring to bear on the subject. We think that the enthusiasm engendered by new revenue stamps will not be of the frenzied brand. Well-known time, better than we, can tell what the future has in store for stamp collectors.

In Other Days—We are not so frightfully young that we do not remember the Spanish-American war of 1898 and its influence on philately. In fact, 1898 was an exciting year for philately. It was known in April 1898 that revenue stamps would be issued July 1st, 1898, as a consequence of the war; and at the same time collectors were on the seat of expectancy over the Omaha set which was announced to appear in two colors. However, in May, the postal authorities said that the idea of bi-colored stamps had been abandoned as sufficient time did not remain for the preparation of the stamps; and in June, the set made its entry, including the stamp that many collectors consider the handsomest in philately, the one dollar black, "Western Cattle in a Storm." Then came the emergency issue of the one and the two cent postage, surcharged I. R., to be followed by the permanent set. The calendar of philatelic events for 1898 need not be followed further but it is fair to say that philatelic interest was given a rare zest by the developments of 1898.

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Parting Of The Ways—One of the first consequences of war between nations is the discontinuance of postal relations between the belligerents. The result of the suspension of postal reciprocity is that the army of invasion must maintain its line of postal communication to the home and other countries; and here the philatelist is provided for. For instance, postmarks tell the story of the Spanish-American War. First, the soldier's letter from Chickamauga and other camps in this company bore what might be called the introductory special postmarks. When the American forces landed in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, respectively, military stations were established which were numbered progressively as the invaders advanced. After the American stamps surcharged appeared the special postmarks of occupancy were retired. To-day, a representative collection of the army postmarkings of the war of 1898 makes a decided impression on those who have not seen the military postmarks in number, heretofore; and we interpose the word here that if there are to be military postmarks in a war with Mexico, it behooves collectors who are interested to get the whole story by obtaining the impressions from the beginning.

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It Is Beyond Us—Says a wondering reader: "I have written to several dealers within the past year for selections of stamps and have offered the best of references and even cash deposit and from some of them I have not had a reply. I will admit that the business I do is of small importance but I buy some almost every month and it is queer that they turn a fellow down without even writing to one of my references. I do not blame dealers for wishing to be careful but where some collectors are crooked many more are square, even if their buying is not of large volume." Of course, it is the dealer's own business to dispose of approval selection requests as suits his views and convenience but we cannot guess why such a course is adopted. We thought that competition among dealers was so keen that no avenue of possible profit could be ignored. As it is, evidently there is room for more stamp dealers.

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Timely Topic—The *Second Class Mail Bag*, volume I, number 1, "progress and prosperity's harbinger" has been issued by the Independent Postal League of Chicago. The object of the publication is to preserve the conditions surrounding second class mail, as at present, but what strikes our eye chiefly is a most opportune article, illustrated, "Mail Methods in Mexico," which reveals the difficulties confronting the postal administration in carrying out its service. We shall hope to draw philatelic inspiration from future numbers of the *Second Class Mail Bag*.

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Patient P. M.'s—It is not known to all that the salaries of postmasters falling under first, second and third class heads are computed upon the gross receipts of their office; and a recent act of congress, approved March 9, 1914, provides: "Here-after, in determining the gross receipts upon which the salary of a postmaster shall be based, stamps, stamped envelopes, and postal cards sold in large or unusual quantities to any person to be used in mailing matter diverted from other offices, shall not be included, whether the sale be made with or without solicitation by the postmaster." These outside sales are to be reported to the department by the postmaster whose duty it shall be "to inquire into and ascertain whether the purchaser intends to use such postage stamps or other stamped paper for mailing in his office or another office, or for mailing matter diverted from another office." Fourth-class postmasters have their compensations based on box rents, postage due collections, stamps, etc., canceled on matter actually mailed at their offices; and on amounts received from the sale of waste paper and twine.

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Incongruous—James Stephens, the Irish poet whose genius is recognized by many admirers has this to say according to a quotation in a literary supplement: "Whoever has married a prim woman must hand over his breeches and his purse, he will collect postage stamps in his old age, he will twiddle his thumb and smile when the visitor asks him a question, he will grow to dislike beer, and will admit and assert that a man's place is the home—these things come to pass as surely as the procession of the seasons." The acuteness of this bit of introspection, let us say, may be questioned. Without attempting any analysis of the psychological aspect of the finding, its verity may be assailed successfully in a materialistic way. We may not say that one cannot collect without breeches but it is almost too much to hope to collect without a purse. The assertion that the old collector will grow to dislike beer is one for abler pens than ours to dissect; and if it is true, the prohibition campaign committee should circulate philatelic literature in lavish quantity.

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VALUES OF BOOKLET PANES.

By H. T. Willcox.

The continued article upon U. S. booklets and booklet panes has been interesting, I am sure, to many readers, but when the author presumes to state that prices appended to the check list indicate present average quotations for mint panes of six stamps, I consider it time to contradict him.

U. S. booklets have been my specialty and study for the past five years. I have probably handled more of these, both in quantity and in number of varieties than any other collector who may read the article in question, for I have sold hundreds of dollars worth of these in that time. I have also been in constant touch with prices asked by most of the dealers who handle book panes, therefore consider myself competent to state that the author has given prices far too excessive in value for the later issues, 1908 to date and prices of the older issues, 1895 to 1903 are too low, if he intends to present to the reader the average quotation. I would myself and I know of others who would buy most of the earlier issues enumerated in quantity at 50% and 100% in some cases more than prices given in the list.

I have always found the 1902 Flag type more difficult to secure and that it sold for more than the 2c, 1895 pane and I am surprised that Mr. Wiley thinks oppositely. Aside from this the historical and descriptive portions of the article are very helpful and of use to the novice but when the author fixes the average prices that the panes are sold at, he should at least secure more representative averages even if he does not *consult* other dealers in regard to what they think he should give as average selling prices.

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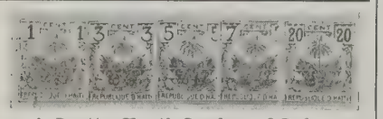
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NOW THE KOOKABURRA.

The Postmaster General has approved of a design for several new postage stamps. The new 6d stamp, which will be among the first of the new design to be made available to the public, will bear as its chief feature a reproduction of a kookaburra (laughing jackass) sitting upon a branch of eucalyptus. The new blue 2½d stamp will show the head of the King, while the design of the new issue of the 2sh stamp will have a black swan as its central feature.

One of the local newspapers states that the design of the 2sh stamp would in future represent the black swan of West Australia set in neat colours. The expression "neat" is new to us. Are we to understand that only the 2sh stamp will be in neat colours, and that the other denominations will be in untidy colours.

It was stated in the press recently that the Postmaster General has announced his intention of retiring from Parliament, and stated that he has been in Parliament long enough.

We understand that Mr. Wynne's intention is not to seek re-election after the present Parliament is dissolved. But it is stated in some quarters that a general election may be held in May next. Mr. Wynne's retirement may be expected about then.

Is it that the strain of issuing a new series of postage stamps has been too much for that gentleman. No Postmaster General of recent years has had his actions in this respect brought more under review than Mr. Wynne. In some quarters he has been commended, but we suppose he has found out that it is a very difficult thing to please everybody.

We are sorry to learn of Mr. Wynne's decision, for Parliament cannot afford to lose such men. He is not in any sense a professional politician, for we understand that he is a very wealthy man, and has the good of the country at heart, and that he does not follow politics merely for what he can make out of the game. Still we must say that in our opinion Mr. Wynne is a better judge of horses than he is of postage stamps.

Although it was stated in the press as far back as 6th February that the second million of the King George 1d stamps would be on sale in 10 days, they have not up to the time of going to the press made their appearance.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—*Scott's Circular* has the following to say regarding the new stamps which are now being distributed:

"The colors of the new denominations are said to be really different from those designated by the official announcement; that is, the government idea of color evidently does not agree with the notions of philatelists. The 7c black is reported as shaded to grayish. The 9c pink is described as a light shade of dull rose red, rather than pink, and as being a different color from anything which has previously been used in United States stamps. The 12c maroon is described as being a very dark shade, more like a dark purple brown. The 20c ultramarine is the same color as the recently discontinued 10c Registry Stamp. The 30c vermilion is reported as a combination of brown red mixed with orange. We have strong doubts whether the 7c black will prove a satisfactory stamp when placed in use. Black in the past has never been successful as a color for postage stamps, due to the difficulty of distinguishing the cancellation mark upon it. Every few years, however, a new generation of officials has to learn this fact over again."

BARBADOS.—Lowell G. Ragatz reports the 1d Queen's Head wrapper, overprinted "½d" in violet, double print.

CANAL ZONE.—The current United States postage due stamps have been surcharged "Canal Zone" in black for use in that concession. The surcharge is placed near the bottom and at a slight angle, like the Philippine and Porto Rico surcharges, but in heavier type. No. 87 on each sheet has the final "E" of "Zone" dropped down.

Postage Due Adhesives.
On United States Postage Due Stamps.
1c deep claret and black.
2c deep claret and black.
10c deep claret and black.

DUTCH INDIES.—George S. Chapman reports having seen a copy of the 3c yellow of 1912, with the first "D" in "Nederlandsch" broken so as to make it look like an inverted "G."

Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new 5c postage due, all in a single color.

Postage Due Adhesive.
5c pale orange red.

ENGLISH COLONIES.—Official notice has been received by the New England Stamp Co. that "the last of the stock of white paper with colored surface has been used for the new Nigeria stamps, and all future supplies of stamps requiring colored papers, will be printed on paper colored throughout its substance, of which an ample supply has now been manufactured."

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—We have received from J. A. Galbraith specimen copies of the new 10sh and 1 King George. The 10sh is in carmine on green paper and the pound value is black on red.

GREECE.—Bright & Son have shown us the Charity stamps announced in No. 1215. They are well printed and the design is fair though uneven. The design does not show a sister of charity at the side of the wounded soldier, but in the background caring for the wife and child. Two Greek words run across the top, and the dates "1912-1913" across the bottom, the value being in a small square in the lower right corner.

Charity Adhesives.
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5l blue.

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1898	Falkland Islands, 2s 6p, o. g.	1.40
1887	Gambia, ½p to 1s, complete set, o. g.	1.50
1902	Gambia, ½p to 2s, No. 28 to 35-37, o. g.	4.25
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1897	Newfoundland, 1c to 60c, complete set, o. g.	2.65
1906	New Zealand, ½p-1-3-6p, complete set, o. g.	1.40
1894	Niger Coast, ½p to 1s, complete set, o. g.	1.50
1902	Northern Nigeria, ½p to 2s 6p, complete set, o. g.	3.50
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GRENADA.—Hermann Focke has shown us the 3d King George stamp on yellow-tinted paper. This was not included in the *Colonial Office Journal* published some time since. The 2d orange of the same set is again in issue at St. George's.

HONDURAS.—Lowell G. Ragatz reports the 10c official stamp of 1911, No. 182, with double surcharge.

HONG KONG.—Hermann Focke submits an 8c gray stamp of the King George set, which "has a peculiarity not often seen on stamps which are engraved and printed from copper plates, as the Hong Kong and other British Colonial stamps are. All the letters and characters, including the frame are of a kind of double line printing instead of the one solid line printing of the ordinary stamps, this gives the stamp a sort of blurred appearance, the letters appear thinner, and look as though they are shaded; still, looking at the stamp through a glass, you will see that the impression is perfectly clear, and it even looks like a fine piece of work. Can you explain the reason why the printing machine should have turned out such work? Is it a double print, or what is it? I presume there must be in existence a whole sheet printed in this manner, and the status of the stamps may be the same as that of the 2 annas India stamps of 1883, Scott's 41a, which is termed double impression."

MALTA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new 5d stamp and we find that the color is a yellowish olive shade, instead of the true olive shade of the earlier printing. Still the difference is only slight, and difficult to distinguish, except by comparison.

NETHERLANDS.—As announced some time since, the colors of the 50c have been changed, a used copy having been shown us by Louis A. Ruckgaber.

Adhesive.
50c gray and violet.

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NEWFOUNDLAND.—The following new cards are out for this island, shown us by Mr. Morse. The 1c has the same design for the stamp as on the letter card noted in 1169. The headline design is also nearly the same minus the arms. The 2c is all new but has the same words as on the 2c of 1905. The second line is on a straight tablet with the first and third curved above and below. Both are without frame.

Post Cards.
1c dark green on white; 122x80 mm.
2c carmine on white; 133x84 mm.

NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke has shown us the 35c envelope, green on white, surcharged "Dos—Centavos—de—Cordoba" in four lines in black.

Provisional Envelope.
"Dos centavos" on 35c green.

QUELIMANE.—Whitfield King & Co. report having received the full set in the Ceres type, the colors and values being the same as for the other colonies.

ROUMANIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 10b in the typographed type of 1908-09, with large head.

Adhesive.
10b carmine.

ST. VINCENT.—We are informed by the New England Stamp Co. that "owing to the difficulty experienced in reading pen cancellations on the 1sh

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This boy was interested in collecting postage stamps and he noticed a newspaper paragraph that told of the efforts of a girls' club in a small country town to accumulate a million cancelled stamps under the impression that they could by that means endow a bed in a hospital.

Of course there never was a hospital that made a practice of exchanging an endowed bed for old postage stamps, but some one started that story going years ago and it springs up every once in a while and somebody believes it.

The newspaper article told of the chagrin of the girls when the club members learned that all their work had gone for nothing, and the boy thought that perhaps he could help them to dispose of the stamps and so gain a little money toward their object. So he wrote to the club and offered to dispose of the stamps as best he could among stamp dealers whom he knew.

In reply the boy received a letter signed simply "G. E. Jones," which said: "I have the million postage stamps and would be glad to have you sell them."

The address given was a house on a West Side street in New York, and when the boy called he was taken to an upstairs sitting room. It was the middle of summer and the furniture and pictures were all covered with linen shrouds and the boy got no idea whether the house was handsomely furnished or as plain as the home from which he came.

A short, pleasant faced man appeared and quietly introducing himself as "Mr. Jones" rolled out of a closet a flour barrel almost full of cancelled postage stamps.

"I don't know how many are there," he said with a smile, "for I never counted them; but I guess there are a million."

He suggested that he send the barrel by express to the boy's home and that the boy see what he could get for the contents. There was no question of whether he would pay for them, Mr. Jones showing by his attitude that between gentlemen good faith was to be expected without any security other than a manly boy's word.

The man and the boy chatted a few minutes about stamp collecting and then Mr. Jones brought out part of his own collection, and the boy saw some stamps that he had never seen before and never expects to see again except in exhibitions.

Then his host began bringing out envelopes of duplicates for which he said he had no particular use, and the boy's eyes grew bigger and bigger, until he could not restrain his curiosity, and asked the man where he had obtained such a quantity of rare stamps.

"I have been favored with unusual facilities," said the man, simply and unassumingly, "and my friends have been very kind in saving what they could."

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"Do you think you could sell some of those?" asked the quiet man who was so unconcerned about what seemed to the boy to be untold wealth.

The boy thought he could and his host counted out about fifty of them and told him to take them along.

"You can sell them for me," he said, "and keep for your trouble all you can get over $2.50 each. You must make a little money for your trouble, you know."

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THE INKS.

The colors used for printing this series are as follows:

1c Official Mail, violet.
2c Official Mail, black.
10c Official Mail, carmine.
50c Official Mail, green.
$1.00 Official Mail, ultramarine.
10c Postal Savings Stamp, orange.
10c Postal Savings Stamp, blue.
10c Postal Savings Card, orange.
10c Postal Savings Card, blue.

The color of ink used for the 1 cent stamps is similar to that used for the 3 cent stamp of general issue, series of 1908. The plates for the 1 cent stamp were first put to press on February 28, 1911. Two additional printings have been made to date, one on March 6, 1912 and another on April 3, 1912. The stamps of the first printings are in a shade decidedly lighter than those of the two subsequent printings. This is occasioned by a difference in the constituent red pigments used in making the violet ink.

The original printing of the 2 cent denomination was made on August 18, 1910. A later printing made on September 21, 1911, is in deeper black than the original which has a decided grayish tinge. A very slight shade difference is noticeable in the other denominations.

THE PAPER.

Two varieties of paper have been used for this issue, paper having the double line watermark was used for the first printings of the 2 cent which has since been printed on the current single line watermark.

The 1 and 10 cent Official stamps were printed only on paper having the single line watermark. The 50 cent and $1.00 denominations were printed only on paper having the double line watermark. The 10 cent orange Postal Savings stamp was printed on both papers although copies on the double line watermark are rather scarce as the plates for this stamp were put to press on August 24, 1910, two days after the single line paper was first used. The 10 cent blue Postal Savings has been printed only on the single line watermark.

THE 1 CENT OFFICIAL STAMP.

But one plate was prepared for this denomination. The number of this plate is 5646. Up to the present time, this plate has been put to press three times, the first being from February 28, 1911 to March 3, 1911, the second from March 6, 1912 to March 8, 1912 and the third from April 3, 1912 to April 8, 1912. No one cent stamps have been printed since then. This stamp occurs in two decided shades of violet. The light shade showing reddish tints was printed the second or third time, probably, that the plate was used as this shade began to appear in the summer of 1912. The total number of stamps printed from this plate is 2,120,799. The deliveries to postmasters have been as follows:

1911	23,000	March 29, 1911.
1912	1,060,649	
1913	179,250	
1914	107,051	Dec. 3, 1913.
Total	1,369,950	

The reader will remember that the years referred to in this article are fiscal years beginning July 1, and ending June 30th. By the year 1911 is meant the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911. The paper used for the 1 cent stamps is that having the single line watermark.

With the exception of the shade varieties, the writer knows of no other minor varieties which exist in this denomination.

THE 2 CENT OFFICIAL STAMP.

This stamp which is the commonest of the series was printed from four plates, the numbers of which are 5,500, 5,501, 5,502 and 5,503. Two printings have been made of this denomination, the first being made from August 18, 1910 to August 20, 1910 and the second from September 21, 1911 to September 25, 1911.

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1911	395,400	Dec. 23, 1910.
1912	1,981,799	
1913	476,950	
1914	185,451	Dec. 3, 1913.
Total	3,039,600	

This stamp was printed upon both varieties of paper, those having the single line and double line watermark. Approximately two million of these stamps were printed upon paper having the double line watermark. The color of this stamp is black. The early printings on the paper having the double line watermark often showed a grayish tinge which is the only shade variety existing.

A very interesting minor variety is a double transfer in which there is a line through the top of the word "CENTS." In a few cases this double transfer was shown in the horizontal lines of the background on the lower part of the stamp.

The 10 Cent Official Stamp.

Two plates were prepared for this stamp, their numbers being 5,613 which was put to press from January 28, 1911 to January 30, 1911, from September 7, 1911 to September 12, 1911 and from September 21, 1911 to September 27, 1911 and Number 5,697 which has never been used. A total of 2,497,599 of these stamps have been printed of which 1,741,610 had been delivered to postmasters up to December 3, 1913. The deliveries were as follows:

1911	126,800	Feb. 7, 1911.
1912	1,093,749	
1913	386,950	
1914	134,111	Dec. 3, 1913.
Total	1,741,610	

This stamp was printed upon paper having the single line watermark only. One or two minor shade differences are noticeable but these seem to me to be the result of variations in printing methods and plate conditions rather than differences in the hue or shade of the ink, the color of which is carmine red.

In addition to an interesting double transfer variety in which the line through the top of the word "CENTS" appears as in the case of the 2 cent stamp, another double transfer may be found in this denomination, the shift showing more or less distinctly in various details covering all portions of the stamp.

The 50 Cent Official Stamp.

But one plate was prepared for this stamp. This plate which is Number 5614 was put to press from January 27, 1911 to January 30, 1911 and from August 10, 1911 to August 18, 1911. The total number of stamps printed is 455,999 of which there had been delivered to postmasters up to December 3, 1913, a total of 131,975. The deliveries were as follows:

1911	10,000	Feb. 7, 1911.
1912	108,399	
1913	8,225	
1914	5,351	Dec. 3, 1913.
Total	131,975	

This stamp was printed only upon the paper having the double line watermark. The color of the stamp is green and no minor varieties of any kind are known to the writer. This stamp is by far the scarcest of the series at the present time although it is probable that it will become about as common as the $1.00 stamp provided the use of these stamps is continued.

The $1.00 Official Stamp.

As in the case of the 50 cent stamp, but one plate was prepared for the $1.00 stamp which is the highest denomination of the series. The plate is Number 5615 which was put to press from January 27, 1911 to January 28, 1911 and from August 10, 1911 to August 19, 1911. During this period, there was printed a total of 446,599 stamps of which 122,450 had been delivered to postmasters up to December 3, 1913. The deliveries were as follows:

1911	10,000	Feb. 7, 1911.
1912	103,749	
1913	3,300	
1914	5,401	Dec. 3, 1913.
Total	122,450	

The color of the $1.00 stamp is blue. No shade varieties or other minor varieties are known to the writer. This stamp was used in large blocks on the packages of supplies consigned to various Postal Savings offices. The writer knows of two packages on which the postage exceeded $25.00 and of another package which carried postage to the amount of $50.02 and of a fourth package which is the record breaker to the best of his knowledge, on which more than $108.00 worth of postage was used. These large sums are invariably prepaid with the $1.00 stamp and packages carrying more than one copy of the 50c are exceptional.

The 10 Cent Postal Savings Stamp.

These stamps which are somewhat similar in design to the Official stamps were issued for use on the Postal Savings cards nine of them affixed to a Postal Savings card which carries a reproduction of the 10 cent stamp together with spaces for nine additional adhesive stamps, is accepted for deposit as the equivalent of one dollar at any Postal Savings Bank.

Eight plates were prepared for this stamp, the first four plates, Numbers 5504, 5505, 5506, 5507 were put to press from August 24, 1910 to August 30, 1910, from June 29, 1911 to July 7, 1911, from August 3, 1911 to August 15, 1911, from August 31, 1911 to September 9, 1911 and from September 15, 1911 to October 19, 1911.

The remaining four plates which were Numbers 5698, 5700, 5703 and 5704 have been put to press but once, the dates being from October 18, 1911 to October 27, 1911. Up to the present time, the total number of these 10 cent Savings stamps which have been printed is 71,387,599 of which there had been delivered to postmasters up to December 3, 1913 a total of 32,643,999. Dates of deliveries are as follows:

1911	4,560,000	Dec. 23, 1910.
1912	27,755,099	
1913	65,800	
1914	263,100	Dec. 3, 1913.
Total	32,643,999	

The color of these stamps is at present blue although an orange ink was used at first and approximately forty millions were printed in orange. None of the blue stamps were issued on paper having the double line watermark although the orange stamps may be found on both the single line and double line papers. The use of the single line watermark paper commenced on August 22, 1910, and the 10 cent Postal Savings stamp plates went to press a few days later on August 24, 1910. To the best of my knowledge, no shade varieties or plate errors exist in this stamp.

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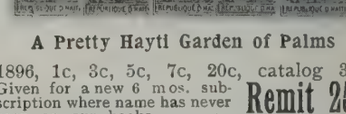
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5579	Dec. 19, 1910 to Jan. 26, 1911.
	Aug. 3, 1911 to Aug. 14, 1911.
5580	Same as above.
5582	Same as above.
5583	Jan. 9, 1911 to Jan. 10, 1911.
	Aug. 3, 1911 to Oct. 13, 1911.
	Oct. 16, 1911 to Nov. 14, 1911.
5584	Dec. 19, 1911 to Jan. 26, 1912.
	Aug. 11, 1911 to Sept. 13, 1911.
5586	Aug. 11, 1911 to Sept. 13, 1911.
5587	Same as above.
5588	Aug. 11, 1911 to Sept. 13, 1911.
	Oct. 16, 1911 to Nov. 14, 1911.
5593	Dec. 21, 1910 to Dec. 28, 1910.
5594	Same as above.
5597	Never been to press.
5695	Sept. 25, 1911, to Oct. 13, 1911.
5696	Sept. 25, 1911 to Oct. 13, 1911.
	Oct. 16, 1911 to Nov. 14, 1911.
5701	Same as above.
5702	Sept. 25, 1911 to Oct. 4, 1911.
5746	Never been to press
5752	Never been to press.
5758	Never been to press.
5765	Never been to press.

There are eighteen of these cards on each plate and in cutting them and trimming them, the plate numbers are invariably cut off. For this reason, none of these cards with plate numbers attached have ever been obtainable at Postal Savings offices. To the present time, there has been printed a total of 6,164,599 of these cards. The deliveries to postmasters have been as follows:

1911	524,000	Dec. 23, 1910.
1912	2,777,099	
1913	20,400	
1914	38,700	Dec. 3, 1913.
Total	3,360,199	

The use of the new single line watermark paper commenced on August 22, 1910. The 10 cent Postal Savings Stamps went to press on August 24, 1910, but we are unable to say whether any of these stamps were printed on the old watermark or not as it is probable that both kinds of paper were at press for a few days until the stock of old paper was exhausted.

The Postal Savings Official Envelopes.

The bulk of the official correspondence connected with the operation of the various Postal Savings banks is mailed in official envelopes of special design. These are manufactured by the same contractors who supply the ordinary United States envelopes. The denominations which have appeared up to the present time, are the 1 cent which is printed in green ink and the 2 cent which is printed in carmine. The paper for the 1 cent envelope has been white or buff. Two sizes of this envelope have appeared and the Specialist will find three varieties of paper.

The writer wishes to call attention to the various interesting original covers issued in this series. In addition to the numerous combinations of Official stamps and envelopes, covers may be found in which carry both the official stamps and one or more of the general issues. These covers are in one or two rare instances the result of a shortage of Official stamps but generally they indicate cases in which private individuals have registered replies to Postal Savings offices in official envelopes which had been sent to them in the course of the banking business.

In conclusion the writer wishes to emphasize the fact that Philatelists are particularly indebted to J. E. Ralph, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, through the courtesy of whom this article becomes available.

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2 papers.
2 shades.
Double transfer.
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Double transfer.
Shades.
50c Official Stamp.
$1.00 Official Stamp.
10c Savings Card.
2 colors.
10c Savings Stamp.
2 colors.
2 papers.
1c Official Envelope.
2 sizes.
3 papers.
2c Official Envelope.
2 sizes.
3 papers.

THE NEXT BELGIAN STAMP ISSUE.

The Sunday label is to be abandoned from the Belgian stamps if our Parisian namesake, *Le Timbre-Poste,* is correctly informed. A new series of stamps is nearly ready, the current stamps of King Albert's reign having failed to give satisfaction. In the new issue we are to have some novelties, for all thirteen values, except the 1 centime and 2 centimes, will be printed from recess plates. The King's portrait will figure on the values up to 40 centimes, including a new denomination, 15 centimes. The 50 centimes and higher values will be of larger size, similar to those beautiful issues of Belgian Congo. The vignette on the 50 centimes is to represent an incident in the War of Independence, when the wounded Comte de Mérode handed over the tricolour flag to another volunteer. The 1 franc shows a vessel riding in the freed Escaut, or Schelde, bearing the words, "Schelde Vrij." The 2 francs vignette is an allegory of the Belgian dominion over the Congo; and the 5 francs bears the portraits of the royal triumvirate, Leopold I., Leopold II., and Albert I.—*Postage Stamp.*

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

The New Stamps—Here is the official description of the new United States postage stamps, the issue of which has been anticipated for some time past. The announcement was dated Washington, April 23rd, and was received by us just too late for the issue of last week:

"1. Postmasters are notified that the Department is prepared to issue five new denominations of ordinary postage stamps. They are intended particularly for use on parcels, but are valid for postage on all classes of mail.

DESCRIPTION.

2. The new stamps are of the same shape (a rectangle on end) and size (about 7-8 by 23-32 inch) as the other ordinary stamps, series 1911. The denominations are 7-cent (black), 9-cent (pink), 12-cent (maroon), 20-cent (light blue) and 30-cent (vermilion).

The 7-cent bears the head of Washington in profile, from Houdon's bust, looking to the left. The border design is the same as that of the first six denominations of the current series.

The 9-cent, 12-cent, 20-cent and 30-cent bear the head of Franklin in profile, from Houdon's bust looking to the left. These four denominations have the same border design as the current 8-cent to $1 stamps.

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Lombardy Venice, 1850, 15c, a few superb pairs at	.40
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3. No requisition will be filled for the new 7-cent, 9-cent, 12-cent, 20-cent and 30-cent stamps alone, but postmasters may include them in their next requisition on form 3201 for other stamped paper, using the blank lines and designating the new denominations desired. See April, 1914, *Postal Guide*, page 5, as to new requistion Form 3201.

4. When any variety of postage stamps or other stamped paper is needed, the postmaster will inventory his stock and include in the requisition all varieties of stamps, postal cards and stamped envelopes likely to be needed in the ensuing three to twelve months, depending upon his storage facilities, and not exceeding the number of stamps that can be adequately protected. This will avoid the necessity for frequent requisitions, and will be advantageous to the postmaster as well as the Department.

A. M. DOCKERY,
Third Asst. P. M. Gen."

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On Mexican Soil—The post office follows the flag; and it is interesting to observe the steps of progression in an administrative way whereby an office is established on alien ground. On April 24th, the Postmaster General announced that under Section 4021 of the Revised Statutes, a Mail Agency was created at Vera Cruz, Mexico to be known as the United States Mail Agency, Vera Cruz, Mexico; and that Mr. H. M. Robinson, Superintendent of Railway Mail Service, was assigned as postal agent in charge. Three days later or under date of April 27th, the Second Assistant Postmaster General directed that "until further notice all mail for the United States military and naval forces and United States officials at Vera Cruz and Tampico, or addressed in care of said forces or officials shall be sent to Galveston, Texas, for dispatch thence to destination."

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Rates—On the same day, April 27th, 1914, the Third Assistant Postmaster General completed the story by issuing a schedule of postage rates on mail to and from the U. S. Mail Agency, Vera Cruz, Mexico. The first paragraph of the order explains: Postmasters are informed that mail originating in the United States or any of its possessions for transmission to the United States Mail Agency, Vera Cruz, Mexico, and that originating at such agency for transmission to the United States or any of its possessions is subject to the United States domestic classification, conditions and rates of postage. Only United States stamps are valid for the prepayment of postage on such matter." It is announced that Vera Cruz is subject to the eighth zone rate of twelve cents for each pound or fraction of a pound on parcels sent from the United States or any of its possessions; and that the same rate prevails from the Vera Cruz Agency on parcels despatched to this country.

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An Unconscious Hit—Under the heading, "Navy Cancellations," we said in the issue of April 18th: "In a list of 'United States Naval Vessels in which Navy Mail Service was in Operation, March 31, 1914,' we count ninety-seven ships. The cancellations of the different vessels are interesting and judging from the one before us take this form: 'U. S. S., Oct. 13, P. M., 1913, New Hampshire. Tampico, Mexico.' We can imagine that collecting these cancellations would be a fascinating pursuit, particularly as they would show foreign postmarks on the United States stamps in so many cases." When the foregoing paragraph appeared, the aspect of affairs in Mexico was not so threatening as it became later but soon afterwards the critical developments there seemed to give the paragraph a most piquant interest judging by the requests that were received for a copy of a list of the vessels. Under the circumstances, we print the list as revised April 7th, 1914, as the succeeding paragraph.

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Complete List—"United States Naval Vessels on which Navy Mail Service was in operation, March 31, 1914: Albatross, Alert, Annapolis, Arkansas, Birmingham, Buffalo, California, Celtic, Chester, Cheyenne, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Colorado, Connecticut, Constellation, Culgoa, Cumberland, Delaware, Denver, Des Moines, Dixie, Eagle, Elcano, Florida, Galveston, Georgia, Glacier, Hancock, Hannibal, Hartford, Helena, Idaho, Illinois, Iris, Jupiter, Kansas, Lebanon, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mayflower, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Mohican, Monadnock, Montana, Monterey, Montgomery, Nashville, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Orleans, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Ozark, Paducah, Petrel, Pittsburgh, Pompey, Prairie, Princeton, Rainbow, Raleigh, Reina Mercedes, Rhode Island, Salem, San Francisco, Saratoga, Scorpion, Solace, South Carolina, South Dakota, Southery, St. Louis, Supply, Tacoma, Tallahassee, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Vestal, Virginia, Villalbos, Washington, West Virginia, Wilmington, Wisconsin, Wheeling, Wyoming, Yankton, Yorktown.

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Asiatic Torpedo Flotilla: First Submarine Division.

Pacific Torpedo Fleet: First Division.

Pacific Fleet: First Submarine Division.

JOSEPH STEWART,
Second Asst. P. M. Gen."

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How It Happened—An envelope without stamp but marked with a postmark impression, "Paid All," and the St. John's, Newfoundland, postmark dated in October 1897, was duly mentioned in the WEEKLY many years ago. Recently, one of these envelopes used as with a one cent stamp was resurrected; and a description of it was sent to the postmaster general of Newfoundland, who wrote our informant as follows: "General Post Office, St. John's, Newfoundland, 18th April, 1914. Sir: In reply to your letter of the 4th respecting the 'Paid All' stamp mark dated October, 1897, I beg to say that it is remembered that such a stamp was in use for a few days. In that year a consignment of postage stamps coming to us from the manufacturers was lost in the wreck of the steamer 'Capulet' and pending the arrival of a fresh consignment it became necessary to use the stamp described by you." The letter is signed by "Woods, Postmaster General."

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Drawing the Lines—The post office department beginning July 1st, 1914, will require on stamped envelopes "the name of street and number to be included in the return cards printed by the Department for post offices having city delivery." There is a desire on the part of the post office division to discourage the use of the indefinite address. At the same time, the injunction again is issued that "no advertisement or special device of any kind nor the names of addresses shall be printed on stamped envelopes by the department." Several violations of this ruling had been reported where cleverly an advertisement more or less veiled was incorporated in the formula.

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A Dangerous Game—We are pleased to say that instances are not lacking where the post office inspectors have been alert and anxious to prosecute stamp frauds through the mails; and there are indications that the espionage of the department over the mail it carries will become more stringent with each succeeding year. The time surely will come when stamp swindlers who depend on the mails for the furtherance of their fraud will find their transactions attended with grave possibilities; and the dealer who gets the cash and does not fill the order and the chap that does not return the approval sheets that he applies for will find old Nemesis on their trail.

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*Por. Indies '98-00, 1½r to 1 tan, 5 var.	.30	.12
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The stamps of Dr. J. B. Mencke will be sold May 22 by the Philadelphia Stamp Co. The catalog received is exceedingly well written and bears the ear-marks of P. M. Wolsieffer, who has recently become associated with the Company. Collectors interested in auction sales will do well to send for one of these catalogs.

—Wm. W. Raymond, supervisor of the Village of Owego, N. Y., and one of the prominent business men of the town, died April 17, at the age of 44. He was one of Owego's most popular citizens and had been honored with many positions of trust. Mr. Raymond was a devoted stamp collector, possessing a very extensive and valuable collection.

—The Philadelphia Stamp Co. sends us the particulars of a transaction with R. R. Knight, Dallas, Texas, who claims to operate the Texas Stamp Co. A communication sent this party was returned marked "Not in city directory."

—Clippings have been received from H. E. Klotzbach.

—The St. Louis post office has been called upon to furnish an equipment for the U. S. post office which is being established at Vera Cruz.

—The Ararat Stamp Co. has sold out the business to other N. Y. parties. The former manager, Vahan Mozian, as per card elsewhere, will, for the present, conduct a mail order business.

—The April number of *Linn's Way* contains a very painstaking article on the stamps of Sonora by Geo. W. Linn. Anyone desiring a specimen copy can no doubt secure one by sending postage.

—On May 1 the firm of Perrin & Co., removed from their office on East 23rd St. to 1 East 28th, two doors east of Fifth Avenue. The firm now has a new, well-lighted and attractive store and will make a stronger appeal than ever before for the business of New York collectors.

—We recently chronicled and illustrated the Swiss Jubilee stamp and stated in the article that their use was limited to Switzerland and certain nearby nations. Frank Kocher, Cokeburg, Pa., submits a card bearing a pair of these stamps which was delivered without the payment of postage due.

—We are indebted to Mrs. L. W. Kellogg for a specimen of the perforation gauge advertised elsewhere in this issue.

—We are advised of the death of V. A. Alderson, Wausau, Wis., an oldtime stamp collector and a highly respected and honored citizen of the city named. His death occurred April 20.

—"I have in my possession copies of Zululand, Nos. 3, 9, and 10, also No. 2 with inverted surcharge, and have seen No. 2 normal; all of these surcharges are counterfeit. The surcharge measures 12½x2 mm., and was applied to postally used British stamps of those types."—LAMBERT H. MCQUESTON.

A BIT OF IMPORTANT NEWS.

Freeman Putney, Jr., has disposed of his interest in the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. to Hon. Charles E. Hatfield of Newton, Mass. It is understood that Mr. Putney will retire from the Scott Co. Mr. Hatfield was formerly Mayor of his city, and has recently been prominently before the public as Chairman of the Republican State Committee of Massachusetts.

COLLECTING ALONG DEFINITE LINES.

EDITOR SCOTT IN *Metropolitan.*

The New York *Times* lately honored philately or themselves by a short editorial on collecting in which it admitted that in many respects stamp hunting was the best and most elastic means of gratifying an instinct latent in the entire human race, the more pronounced the higher we go in civilization and culture. The great beauty in stamp collecting is exemplified by the fact that none are too poor or too ignorant to get pleasure out of the pursuit, while it affords relaxation and entertainment to many of the greatest minds in all the principal centers of culture. An instructive and beautiful collection of stamps can be formed at a cost of one cent per week while the wealthy have collections on which they have expended many hundreds of thousands and they can still find material with which to keep up their interest in the pursuit. The great trouble with American collectors is that they cannot let the commercial side drop out and at the sight of any loss many get disgusted. The profit in philately is for those who conscientiously form a collection along definite lines and strive to get every stamp their scheme calls for. Eventually such an album must become valuable while those who are simply looking for stamps that they expect to advance in price will find both losses and gains, only those gifted with second sight will become great winners; such ones can make more money in many other lines of business and can easily afford to look on philately as a pleasure pure and simple. The most pronounced speculator certainly has a love for the objects of his quest or he would turn his mind to objects which would be more congenial to him and leave stamps to their friends and lovers. The real collector never tires and is as interested at eighty as when he took up the pursuit at eight, which is about the present limit of the oldest collector.

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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—Donald H. Graham adds to previous lists, Var. 1, watermarked "U S S E—1911"; old knife; size 8 on oriental buff.

ALBANIA.—Frank B. Eldredge shows us covers from Albania, of considerable interest at the present time. One bears five of the 5q Scanderbeg stamps, which present a very fine appearance, being well engraved and printed. The other has impressed by a rubber stamp on the reverse of the envelope, two of the early provisionals showing the double headed eagle and various native characters, with "25 Paras 25" stamped across at another operation. The first design is in pale violet and the value in dull red.

BAVARIA.—Edgar S. Bissinger sends us used copies of the new 5pf, 10pf and 20pf stamps with early cancellations.

E. L. Southwick submits a cover with two of the old 5pf stamps and a third stamp, evidently from a stamp book having the advertisement of a well known German stamp dealer in place of the stamp. On the back is a label of striking design advertising the "Exposition of the Book Industry and Graphic Arts," (translating freely), at Leipsic, 1914.

COSTA RICA.—This Republic will issue a series of stamps in September, commemorative of the Centenary of the birth of Juan Rafael Mora, who was three times president of the Republic.

FRENCH COLONIES.—*Lemaire's Journal* says that the French Postal Authorities have decided to issue a reply stamp for the French colonial and intercolonial mails.

GREECE.—The L. L. Albright Co. submits specimens of the current 5l stamp, engraved, which shows imperfect printing, colorless marks and spots appearing in the squares containing the figures of value.

SERVIA.—It is proposed to add 35 and 60 para values to the current set.

SIAM.—New values and provisionals are likely to appear shortly, owing to a change in post tariffs, says *Lemaire's Journal.*

SOMALI COAST.—According to *Lemaire's Journal* a new series of stamps is being prepared for this colony. There will be four designs, all being of the usual large shape.

VENEZUELA.—The L. L. Albright Co. submits specimens of the 50c purple of 1911, showing similar variations in the shades of frames and centres as already noted in the other centimo values. Mr. Albright has also discovered variations in the engraving of the frame, the later printing having figures of value and lettering thicker than on the earlier printing.

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"PHILATELIC SCOOPS."

Just now Editor Melville is discussing with Editor Armstrong some of those finer points in journalism that can only be appreciated by one who has tried to fill the editorial chair. Editor Armstrong very naturally speaks right out in public, patting on the back *Stamp Collecting* as an uptodate exponent of our hobby, but only to get the following as a rejoinder from Editor Melville in the *Postage Stamp*:—

But while our contemporary counts its scoops it does not remind its readers how many of them were canards! It does not now take so great credit for trying to boom "those scarce and interesting stamps" of the Antarctic Expedition postmarked in London, a bit of journalism which surely deserves to go down to posterity as one of the most astounding indiscretions in philatelic journalism. Nor does it challenge our statement that we noted the Colonial surface-coloured paper a month before our contemporary came into existence. Nor do we find our contemporary taking any credit for its "brilliant" exposition of alleged re-touches of our English stamps, and the explanation of slight variations in the dimensions of the watermark as probably indicating "the employment of a new dandy-roll."

Of course our rival did get in first with the tale, supposed to have been telegraphed from New York, on October 28, that Baron Erik Leijonhufvud's Swedish collection at the Exhibition there was valued at £5,000. We did not give this news, as it was not true; the Baron's collection was not there. And it is difficult for us to discover how on October 28 anyone could telegraph from New York that Rudolf Friedl "shows a collection of Austrian, Hungarian and other stamps worth £5,000." Possibly this was "intelligent anticipation" for such a collection did arrive a couple of days or so after the telegram was sent!

Our contemporary's greatest scoop, however, appears to have been "a full account by our Shanghai correspondent of a special issue of overprinted stamps put in use at the U. S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, between November—and December 20th, 1913." A full description of this issue followed, and a wonderful tale told which made the stamps appear to be very rare provisionals, "probably not over 100 specimens of each kind were sold in all." Just over 40 varieties of the stamps were listed, and possibly these are the 40 leading items in which our contemporary claims to have got ahead of us! But the Postal Agent at Shanghai has shattered this illusion in the letter published by us last week stating that the supposed overprinted stamps are nothing more than precancels. Anyone with a modest knowledge of United States postage stamps could have guessed as much. So much for our contemporary's chiefest and greatest scoop.

It may be interesting, but it is of very dubious authenticity to learn that "the only specimens of the Post Office Mauritius known to exist are those which were affixed to the envelopes of these invitations" [to the Governor's ball] and that "just after the postal authorities had received the issue the post office was destroyed in a hurricane." We suppose the majority of the Governor's guests were expected to come all the way from Bordeaux, or some other French port, and that our contemporary has not any of the *unused* ones in its reference collection!

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Why is Cain the philatelist's favorite character in history? *Ans.* He is the first issue.

How do philatelists rank in history the famous charge of the Light Brigade? *Ans.* As a costly error.

Why is the philatelist confused in giving an account of the beheading of Marie Antoinette? *Ans.* Because the King's Head came before the Queen's.

Do any Congressmen favor abolishing the franking privilege? *Ans.* Those who like postage do (postage due).

What do philatelists consider the crowning achievement of the skilled trapeze performer? *Ans.* The inverted head.

When does a philatelist consider his grandmother's thimble a very precious relic? *Ans.* When it is part perforate.

How does a philatelist think forest fires might be extinguished? *Ans.* Stamped out.

What does a philatelist look out for in locating his cottage at the beach? *Ans.* The watermark.

If he hangs up a sign on the cottage, what is it likely to be? *Ans.* A postmark.

When he watches the clam diggers out on the flats, why does he specially honor them? *Ans.* As advanced collectors.

When a philatelist tells of being in peril by sea, does he mean that he has been shipwrecked? *Ans.* No, only Seebecked.

What is the awkward way in which he prefers to have watermelons served? *Ans.* Entire.

What is the objectionable way in which he first uses the knife upon them? *Ans.* He cuts round.

Why can a philatelist make no secret of his age? *Ans.* Everyone knows it is post-age.

What is a bride allowed to do with the extra soup ladles among her gifts? *Ans.* To exchange duplicates.

Is there anything else she *can* do? *Ans.* She can sell them.

What does she place under her new carpets. *Ans.* Laid paper.

What did the workman give for the information he obtained when he put his foot upon a piece of dynamite? *Ans.* A speculative stamp.

What may the author of these conundrums hope to receive for them? *Ans.* Approvals.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 7.30 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., April 21, 1914.

The 312th (regular) meeting was held at the Club Room this evening with 30 members and friends present.

Messrs. Chas. E. Beckwith and Howard S. Wheeler were elected as Members Nos. 591 and 592 respectively. The application of Sr. Samuel Giberga was posted. The resignation of No. 560 was accepted.

The Secretary presented the Society with a set of photographic prints from the original negatives made for the "Canada" book. A package of counterfeits was received from Mr. Chas. S. Hill. Donations for the new Society collection in the form of albums were received from the New England Stamp Co. and W. L. Aldrich; also donations of stamps from seven different members and of $5.00 in cash by a number present at the meeting.

The following was presented:—

LIBRARY REPORT FOR APRIL.

By donation: Linn's Philatelic Handbooks, Nos. 2 and 3, by Frank E. Goodwin, from the publisher; "All About Postage Stamps," by Fred. J. Melville, from the Author; Morgenthau's 72-6 inclusive priced catalogs from New England Stamp Co.

And the current numbers of the following magazines generously contributed by the publishers:—Gibbons Monthly, Mekeel's Weekly, Stamp Journal, Postage Stamp, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Circular, Philatelic Gazette, Collectors' Monthly, Collectors' Journal, New England Stamp Monthly, British Guiana Philatelic Journal, New Yorker Briefmarken Zeitung and Mitteilungen des Oberelsassischen Philatelisten Klubs.

The matter concerning the so-called "proofs of essays" was referred back to the Council with full power to act, after some discussion.

The sudden death of Mr. Jesse W. Sargent was announced and the Secretary instructed to write the family a letter of condolence.

Mr. Alex P. Brown gave the Society an interesting talk on his collecting days and experiences connected therewith, and ended with some practical advice in stamp matters growing out of his observations and experience.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Application for Membership, Edwin H. Hazen, Mt. Herman, Mass., age 32, teacher. Reference, O. K. Proposed by S. M. Edwards.

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HER SON'S SECRET.

By Arthur Irwin Smith.

"Robert!" called a voice from the kitchen. "Oh, Robert!"

Robert Tyndale started nervously, picked up a package he had been examining and hastily piled it with some letters into his trunk. After he had locked the trunk and put the key into his coat pocket, he answered the call which was becoming more and more insistent.

"What, in the name of goodness, were you doing?" demanded his mother.

"Oh, nothing, much," he answered carelessly.

"Well, you ought to know it's milking-time," she said, rebukingly.

Without a word, Robert left the house.

"I am afraid Robert'll never amount to much," and his mother sighed anxiously. "He's always forgetting his duties about the place, and is eternally fooling with some trash or another. He gets piles and piles of letters and spends enough time answering them to make an extra crop of corn."

"What were you saying?" asked Mr. Tyndale, coming in with a load of stove wood.

She repeated what she had said, and he shook his head in disapproval of Robert's actions.

"The boy ain't lazy, but he beats all I ever saw foolin' his time away with some foolishness or other. Yet we ought not complain, for what he does with his spare time isn't half as bad as gadding about over the country and getting into trouble like many other boys do," declared Mr. Tyndale.

By the time supper was ready, Robert returned with the milk. He whistled cheerfully as he put the pail down on the table, and got ready for the appetizing meal. Mrs. Tyndale watched him with a troubled expression of which Robert was entirely unconscious. He was a bright, clear-eyed lad of fifteen, just such a son as any mother needs to be proud of. That Mrs. Tyndale did not appreciate him was because she did not understand him. Robert never confided in his parents. Long ago he found out that they did not know how a boy felt about things or what a boy needed to make him happy. When very small he had become interested in athletics, and asked for a ball, bat and mitt. His father would have bought them for him, but his mother interposed, declaring that ball-playing was not only dangerous but a waste of time. Now he was not in the school-team, and his rebellious thought as he watched the other boys play did not help to establish confidential relations with his parents.

"Robert," began his mother, somewhat hesitatingly. "Robert—what were you doing when I called you to milk?"

"Oh, nothing much," he answered, doggedly.

"But you were doing something?"

"You wouldn't understand," he answered, quietly.

"You have no right to keep things from me and your father," Mrs. Tyndale declared, her voice rising almost angrily.

Robert's face flushed. If he told them, they would probably say he would have to quit. He knew it was neither harmful nor a waste of time, so he closed his mouth determinedly. He was not the kind of boy to quarrel with his mother, and he hurriedly finished his supper and went back to his room.

Even before Robert left the table, Mrs. Tyndale was complaining about the injured air which he wore. Robert evidently felt like a cat does when rubbed the wrong way.

After the lamps had been lighted and the supper cleared away, Mrs. Tyndale came into the room adjoining Robert's and watched him as he emptied out a package of what seemed to her to be bits of tiny paper. Soon he had them sorted into several little piles.

"What in the name of goodness can he be doing?" she muttered. She even had Mr. Tyndale come into the room and watch him also.

"Oh, let the boy alone," said the father, laughing. "I guess he is not as crazy as he looks."

Mrs. Tyndale, after her failure at the supper table to get an explanation, could only decide with Mr. Tyndale now, and both turned away and left Robert undisturbed.

For many days afterwards Mrs. Tyndale worried over Robert's conduct. First she had worried because she thought he was wasting his time, then she worried because he wouldn't explain what he was doing, and finally she began to worry because her son was a stranger to her. Her mother heart was now alarmed lest she had lost her boy's love as well as his confidence. She had always wanted him to do the safest and best things, the things she picked out for him to do and what she thought would be best for him. She had never thought that he might like to do something on his own initiative.

At last she carried the matter to the school-teacher with whom Robert was on good terms. The teacher, at least, seemed to understand him.

"You must let him know you are interested in him being happy first of all," said Miss Blount. "Is there not some pursuit he likes that he has been kept from following just because you had forbidden him?"

Mrs. Tyndale remembered the baseball episode. "Why, yes, he did want to play ball, and I wouldn't let him," she said with a sudden feeling of shame.

"A boy needs play as well as work. Play gives him the exercise he needs to make him strong for his work in life," said the teacher. "I am sure you can find some way to make him feel that you are his friend, then you will soon gain his confidence."

"Well, I am going to try, anyway," returned Mrs. Tyndale as she drove away.

She cooked a supper especially to please Robert's palate. Her voice was unusually kind. She even wore a new dress for the occasion. Both Mr. Tyndale and Robert looked at her wonderingly, but, of course, she did not explain anything.

"There's going to be a ball game here, Saturday, I hear," Mr. Tyndale remarked.

Instead of her usual tirade against ball games in general, Mrs. Tyndale began asking questions about the game as if she was greatly interested. It was not long until both Mr. Tyndale and Robert were giving out much information.

"Say, Robert, why is it you don't play with them?" Mrs. Tyndale asked as innocently as if she didn't know why.

"Why, mother, I thought you would not like it!" exclaimed Robert in surprise.

"If you would like to play, I'd like for you to do it. I used to be afraid you'd get hurt, but I guess boys have to be allowed to run some risks," she replied.

Robert's face was positively radiant as his mother made the startling announcement.

After supper was over, his mother went into his room. He was bending over his work, unconscious of her approach.

She came up close, inwardly disquieted but outwardly appearing unconcerned, and looked over his shoulders.

"What a lot of stamps!" she cried wonderingly. "Do tell me about them, Robert."

The barrier was swept away between them forever, as she listened with sympathetic interest to what he told her of his stamp collection.

"I think stamps must be interesting for a boy. I'm glad you've shown me your collection, because they interest even old-fogy me!"

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U. S. STAMPS AS A FIELD FOR SPECIALISM.

By H. L. WILEY.

Chapter I.

The most substantial factor today in Philately is the increasing number of collectors who are abandoning the generalities of stamp collecting to pursue one or more of its details. They find greater satisfaction and a keener pleasure in an attempt to learn all the facts concerning one stamp, or one issue, than they did in the days when their roving knew no bounds except those imposed by the limitations of their bank account.

A specialist in "stamps" is a collector who values the facts concerning a stamp more than the stamp itself. In spite of what we stamp men repeat to each other, Philately is not yet recognized with the same civil and serious consideration as that which greets the collecting of rare books, or prints or gems. It is partly because of the fact that a "complete" collection is a futile dream and that no benefit other than a selfish satisfaction in the feeling of possession can result even should completeness be a possibility.

The collector who does not seek to obtain knowledge of stamps along with the stamps themselves has not progressed beyond the motives of the school boy who with his Seebeck-tickled retina dances in nervous excitement until the multi-colored ten peso unused becomes his property for the sum of ten cents. The invariable reaction is a feeling somewhat between "What's the use!" and "Where can I sell this 'complete' junk?"

The writer is a reformed stamp collector who recognizes the futility of pressing unsolicited advice upon the satisfied conservatives who still labor under the anesthetic of "variety" collecting, but to the increasing numbers who hesitate between the restrictions which govern the "old line" collecting and the untried satisfaction of specialism, there is one brief suggestion which may reveal the nearer vistas of the specialists' world.

In the tones of the parlor entertainer, I will request that you "Select any stamp." Observe it carefully, then investigate the details of ink and paper and gum and dies and plates. If it should be the only one of its kind in existence, your labors will have accomplished nothing more than an essay on an unrelated curiosity, but if the stamp should be one of an issue of ten millions, you will probably have given to philately, a dozen new varieties and a monograph of general interest to the kindred collectors whose thirst for knowledge is greater than their nervous passion for stamps.

To judge from the expressions of the majority of people who are informed of my hobby, stamp collecting bears about the same relation to book collecting, or the accumulation of period furniture, or rare rugs, as the gentle game of ping pong does to football. They are right within their limitations for their mental picture of a stamp collector is one of a sticky-fingered school boy, clutching a few bits of vari-colored paper. The picture would be different if the facts were known. My studies have brought me a fairly broad technical knowledge of nearly every phase in the manufacture of inks and paints and paper and glue; and this knowledge is acquired by every collector who has *seriously* specialized.

The country in which one lives usually offers more material or greater facilities for obtaining data and information than any other because the facts and material are close at hand. The stamps of about ten countries are especially susceptible to satisfactory treatment by the specialist. Among these none offers a wider field than the stamps of the United States. Recent issues are as rich in material as those of fifty years ago and stamps or data concerning them are easily obtained. The Bureau issues, dating from the time the government began to design and print the stamps, offer a clearly defined field for specialism.

One specialized line involves more or less of another. Assuming that one is interested in the paper varieties or perforations of any stamp, or series of stamps, it will be found that the factors in the study of the stamp of the hour broaden until all the characteristic features related to the stamps under discussion are included in one well-rounded treatment of what, at first, seemed to be but the work of a few minutes. But when the information is obtained, the

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As a general fact, and one to be regretted, it is true that collectors have been inert and inactive in the pursuit of knowledge relating to their stamps. The few students of the past stand out in decided contrast to the thousands who merely collected stamps.

Fifty years from now the ten collections which are called the "greatest" of the present day, will be scattered among a thousand new owners. The men who have formed these collections will with certain brilliant exceptions, have been forgotten in the world of stamps. The exceptions will be those men who have studied their vast accumulations of material and who have freely given us the results of their studies through the medium of the philatelic papers.

The big *results* call for hard work and intelligent endeavor and the rewards and recognition are in exact proportion to the effort and study involved. No immortality awaits the careless or hurried investigation, some examples of which have been accepted in lieu of anything better, but the student who creates some monograph of real worth through his enthusiastic and conscientious efforts may be sure of his commensurate reward. The only distasteful penalty is the probability that the term "expert" will be applied to him. Even this epithet can be borne with increasing patience as the passage of the years obscures the type of the so-called "expert" of a former generation. The writer always expects and welcomes adverse criticism from some sources for his attitude on the "expert" question. When this becomes intense, the pleasures are shared with several acquaintances, among whom Stevenson, of Michigan, affords him the greatest pleasure by his immediate and sympathetic response.

Chapter II.

In his prefatory remarks the writer has attempted to outline the peculiar advantages derived by the stamp specialist. This paper presents a few of the more interesting subjects which await the study of the collector. More or less has been written on each of these, but nevertheless there is still much to be discovered and recorded.

The subjects treated are as follows: *United States Stamps.*—(1) Plate numbers; (2) perforations; (3) stamp books; (4) double transfers; (5) stamp plates; (6) inks; (7) paper; (8) gum and (9) stamp manufacture.

1. Plate Numbers.

The plate number specialist can obtain his material at face value at any post office. His research into the early issues must probably include the assistance of one or two of the larger stamp companies who from time to time obtain specimens to which the imprint and plate number is attached. No complete list of the Bureau issues has ever been presented and the one or two lists which were published contain very little of value except the unadorned number and denomination.

The Bureau has manufactured nearly seven thousand plates for stamps in the twenty years that have passed since that work was undertaken. Several distinct types of letters and numerals were used on these plates. Some bore an imprint preceding the number while recent ones did not have it. A few numbers have been engraved and erased from the plates and re-engraved in another position, traces of the former numbers remaining for the keen eye of the investigator.

The peculiar spacing of a series issued about two years ago was indicated by means of a star between the number and imprint. These "starred" plates have never been listed for philatelists. Some plates were printed before and after the star was added. To the margins of a few plates was added one or more parallel lines running the full length of the edge of the plates for the purpose of limiting the space in which the printer's "receipt" initials could be stamped. Some of the plates were cracked or checked in the process of hardening previous to being printed.

The stamp booklets and the coils of stamps recently issued carry plate numbers but because they are difficult to find, no record has been published that even approximately exhausted the subject.

2. Perforations.

The perforation specialist can find an opportunity for considerable hard work in an attempt to determine just what issues and denominations have been perforated with each or several of the 8½, 10, 12 and 15 official perforations, the combinations of the two, and the "part perforates" which are classed as errors. Ever since the first stamps were issued perforated, there has appeared from time to time, one or more unintentional specimens in imperforate or part perforate condition. Official records do not cover the errors of this class, but the existence of several interesting examples is easily proven. There have been issued in recent years a series of "premeditated" part perforates and yet every list which the writer has seen, including one for which he is personally responsible, contains errors of greater or less importance. A recent controversy on the subject of the 3 cent, 1908 with the 12 perforation serves to illustrate the limits of philatelic knowledge upon the question.

The records of the unofficial perforations are shrouded with a fog of misinformation but such fragments of fact as have been distributed have met with an enthusiastic response. Only about one tenth of these special perforations are known to the philatelic world. To the best of the writer's knowledge, fully fifty machines of various types have been designed for vending or affixing stamps and yet the only ones with which philatelists are familiar, are the extensively used Schermacks, Mailometers, Auto-Vending and Brinkerhoff, the issues of which have been exploited to a greater or less extent in various stamp papers in approximate ratio to the condition of the stock of these varieties reposing in the possession of the owners of the papers in which the stamps were described.

The writer, with nothing of the kind to sell, is working on the subject of special perforations and hopes to have the pleasure of presenting the readers of Mekeel's Weekly with a few results within a month or two.

3. Stamp Books.

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ment and yet the interested student is at once confronted by a number of problems which require patient effort and plenty of hard work.

The paper and perforations, watermarks and plates from which the books were printed and a lot of relative data are missing from the records available. Much of interest might be obtained from the stamp literature of the past ten years and yet no one has attempted a conscientious compilation.

The writer's brief treatment of a few features relating to "Booklet Issues" will probably have been presented to readers of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY before this is published. As I remember the article, it but touched the surface of the subject, but the study it involved was of great interest and sufficed to show the various pleasant possibilities which await the student who turns his attention to this specialty.

4. DOUBLE TRANSFERS.

A "Double Transfer" is an error in the manufacture of a stamp plate or a transfer roll in which the imperfect register between the die and the transfer roll or between the transfer roll and the plate during their contact subsequent to the first impression, causes one or more of the lines in the design to be impressed in a different position from that of the first impression. It is indicated in the printed stamp by the presence of two lines where but one exists in a normal copy. If these lines are color lines, the error has been made in transferring the design to the plate and if the lines are white or colorless, the error has been made in transferring the design from the original die to the transfer roll. Exceptions to this rule, while highly improbable are not absolutely impossible, but they are matters of such remote possibility that they do not enter into a practical discussion of the double transfer question.

The "double transfer" specialist meets with considerably greater encouragement today than he did two or three years ago, for it has been proven that a number of common issues of the past ten years exist in this state.

Dr. Carrol Chase had treated the early issues in an interesting manner; everybody who knew a double transfer from a milk ticket, "discovered" the double transfers in the Columbian issue about a year ago. Wm. L. Stevenson reported the Jamestown issue with telegraphic brevity and a less considerate writer used several overworked adjectives in announcing the fact that double transfers existed in some values of the Parcel Post, the Postal Savings and other recent issues. The Hudson-Fulton "double" was overlooked for two or three years and is now priced with the aid of a dollar mark.

The work of the specialist in this line must include an up to date check list and a study of comparative rarities together with an attempt at discovering the numbers of the plates upon which the double transfer is found.

5. STAMP PLATES.

The specialist who thoroughly investigates the manufacture and printing processes of stamp plates will have obtained an extensive general knowledge of the manufacture of steel and the chemistry and various tests, and heat treatments thereof before his work is finished. With those notes which may be considered of interest to stamp collectors, will be presented the results of his research into the question of plate lines, imprints, "arrows" cracked plates, engravers' and printers' initials and the size of the plate, and the number of subjects thereupon engraved. The question is closely involved with that of plate numbers in certain instances. His collection will include examples showing the various spacing of the stamps of each issue and the notes will cover the location of the various designs engraved upon the plate which are not even suggested by a single stamp.

The recent experiments made by the Bureau to have reached a successful conclusion, may eliminate the flat plates. The newer cylindrical plates have been briefly mentioned but nothing complete has been published on this subject. The adoption of the new process will involve a number of changes each of which will result in new varieties and all of which are of interest.

Without having seen Niagara Falls, some author whose name the writer cannot easily recall, described it so perfectly that even the most casual reader instantly recognized the town before the brakeman announced its name. The above statement may be inaccurate in places but it is probably true that no stamp man could afford philately an accurate description of the "cylinder printing" machine without having seen it at close range. This detail of the field is thus narrowed to the Washington philatelists unless Director Ralph with his characteristic courtesy, should consent to lend the machine to the writer who attempts the subject of "Stamp Plates."

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EDITORIAL.

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Give Wanamaker Credit—In his report to the President for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1889, John Wanamaker, Postmaster General, expressed his wish to establish in Washington, "a Government Museum that shall, so far as possible, represent the progress of the postal system of the United States from its beginning, and at the same time contain everything that may be offered or can be collected in connection with the work of the service that is either of special interest or of general historic value." Surmising that many articles "worthy of display and preservation in such a museum" were in the possession of the postmasters throughout the country, Mr. Wanamaker under date of March 27th, 1890, addressed a circular to the postmasters requesting their cooperation in securing material for the proposed institution and further, that they acquaint those members of the public who might be in a position to further the plan, with the desire of the department. As examples of the articles in demand by the museum were: Copies of old editions of the postal laws and regulations, or other postal documents, books or essays on the postal service; while specimens of local postage stamps and envelopes with "Paid" impressions used before the first national issue of 1847 were sought especially.

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The Start—Up to the time of the issue of this circular referred to in the foregoing paragraph, an album was kept in the stamp division of the post office department; and its contents were the nucleus of the present government collection, we infer. The general issues of the United States were well represented in the album, beginning with the two stamps of 1847 but it was the page devoted to the unused set of the 1869 issue, unused, that could always be counted upon to command the greatest admiration from the public and the philatelists, alike. As for the oldest printed postal document in the possession of the department, we have been told that it is a list of post roads, etc., issued about 1808. We know of a few philatelists who could augment the library of the department considerably if it were not for the fascination that is exerted upon them by these self-same "relics."

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We Capture Bill—Bill Bloss has been engaged to conduct our boys' department and though Bill is young in years, yet according to what he knows about stamps he is a greybeard indeed. Bill knows boy nature and will administer advice in palatable pellets. Old Bill will comfort the confused; help the halting and delight the dolorous in his own characteristic way. When puzzled or in pain, write Bill. So soon as Bill's department gets in full swing, it will be a regular merry-go-round for our boy readers.

Write Again—Our contributor of over a decade ago, Mr. W. J. Stanton, the original "philatelic index" man now writes us from San Diego, California: "It may be of interest to your readers to learn that the Hague convention of 1907 adopted an article relating to free postage to prisoners of war as follows: 'Article XVI. Inquiry offices enjoy the privilege of free postage. Letters, money orders and valuables as well as parcels by post, intended for prisoners of war, or despatched by them, shall be exempt from all postal duties in the countries of origin and destination, as well as in the countries they pass through.' The Inquiry Office, instituted by the Hague Convention has the duty of replying to all inquiries about prisoners. As America's representative stamp journal, I can see where it is up to MEKEEL'S to send a member of the staff to Vera Cruz, who will permit himself to be captured as a Mexican, in order that your subscribers may have covers franked by the military authorities." Who'll volunteer?

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We Can See It—We are told by Mr. Frank E. Goodwin: "F. D. Collins of St. Louis, has found a double transfer in the five cents of 1847 which has heretofore been unnoticed. In brief, the 'shift' is downward and slightly to the left. A very light line below the frame at bottom shows ragged. A line below the top frame line is stronger. The curves which terminate in the rounding out of the lower part of the '5's' are shifted to the left and are very plain. A second copy picked up by the writer verifies the discovery and precludes the 'shifting' from being classed as a 'slip' in printing." From the crude drawing that Mr. Goodwin encloses, we should say that the shift constitutes a visible variety.

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Laid Paper Reported—In a letter, Mr. John R. Wolter says: "I have added to my collection of specialized United States, a rarity in one-cent blue, type 3 of the 1857 U. S. issue, whereof I have a copy which is on close diagonally laid paper. This has been submitted to Mr. Klein for an opinion and the stamp has been accepted as genuine. I find on looking up the authorities on this issue that this stamp with this kind of paper is not even mentioned by John Luff; and Mr. Klein also has told me that he has never heard of it before."

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We See—From several correspondents we have received word that in all probability, the James Buchanan signature on the envelope belonging to Mr. Beebe, described in the issue of April 25th in this column is that of President James Buchanan of Pennsylvania; and the Keystone Stamp & Coin Co. removes any uncertainty by showing a similar envelope with the "Washington City, D. C." postmark, in addition to the frank and "free." Mr. Beebe's envelope bore no postmark but it must have emanated from Washington, under the circumstances. The "Buchanan" on Mr. Beebe's envelope was almost a copy of the "Buchanan" on the Baltimores. The same company reports a sheet in its possession of the two-cent black newspaper stamp, No. 1005, with imprint of the Continental Bank Note Company on soft instead of hard paper. In this instance as in a good many others, the American Bank Note Company used the Continental plate with no alteration; and collectors should know that American printings from Continental plates were on soft paper. The Continental imprint sometimes misbrands the stamp; and the existence of American printings from the Continental plates should always be borne in mind.

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF GAMBIA.

By R. E. R. DALWIGK.

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The first actual postal reference to Gambia to be found was in 1866, the date Postmaster General F. Bisset Archer ascribes to certain postal changes regarding the scale of charges. The table below gives a good idea of the fluctuations in the postal business, the large revenue and expenditure variations of some years being caused almost entirely by the demands of collectors and stamp dealers.

Year.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Letters.	Parcels.
1900	£459	£370	66,612	782
1901	769	450	77,937	1151
1902	1,453	530	77,918	1340
1903	553	620	94,365	1532
1904	597	671	94,358	1677
1905	2,730	808	91,768	1554
1906	1,317	716	98,379	1994
1907	745	770		
1908	684	757		
1909	2,325	820	81,620 } news: 26,549 }	2513

The enormous increase of revenue in 1905 was caused by the appearance of the 5d, 7½d, and 10d stamps and the introduction of the multiple watermark.

In Mr. Archer's semi official handbook, we are informed that the mails are carried from Bathurst to M'Carthy's Island weekly by steamer, and that there is no postmans' delivery in either town. On January 1, 1879, Gambia joined the Universal Postal Union; while on December 25, 1898, Imperial Penny Postage was inaugurated.

On October 15, 1908, the Cash on Delivery system was brought into use.

Issue I, 1869.

THE UNWATERMARKED IMPERFORATE "CAMEOS."

It was not until 1869 or twenty-nine years after the introduction of adhesive postage stamps, that this British West African Colony entered the field as a stamp issuing country. The first announcement of the appearance of postage stamps hailing from this portion of His Majesty's dominions is to be found in the March number of the *Philatelist* for the year 1869, and the following extract chronicling their existence is taken from the following month's issue of the *Stamp Collector's Magazine*, the premier philatelic journal of the period. It is entitled "Gambia and Its New Stamps," and reads as follows:—

"We have had the pleasure during the last few years of enrolling under the banner of postal progress many kingdoms, colonies and republics, and the cry is 'still they come.' Last month we gave particulars of a South African state, which has joined, or is on the eve of entering the ranks; and now we have to chronicle another recruit from the same continent, this time one of our dependencies in the west—Gambia, to wit.

"This colony is composed of several small towns and factories on the banks of the river whence it takes its cognomen."

"The capital is Bathurst in the district of St. Mary. The West African Settlements are Sierra Leone, Lagos, Gambia, the Gold Coast and their dependencies. The Governor and Commander-in-chief is Sir A. E. Kennedy, C. B., whose residence is at Sierra Leone. The Gambia legislative council is at present composed of the Administrator, who acts as Resident, the Chief Magistrate, the Collector of Customs, and the Hon. T. Brown, one of the justices. The Governor receives a salary of £3,500 a year. The population in 1854 was 5,693. The census has not since been taken, but if it had been would show an extensive increase.

"The River Gambia was discovered in 1447 by Nunez Tristan, who after ascending it for some hundreds of miles, finally met his death from the poisoned arrows of the natives. The River is navigable for more than six hundred miles into the interior. Like the Nile it annually overflows its banks. Its mouth is at Cape St. Mary, where the width is eight miles.

"The supply of crocodiles is always quoted as being greater than the demand. Although the climate is not everything that can be desired for the 'creature's comfort' it is not nearly so unhealthy as that of Lagos or of the Gold Coast."

"Their hottest season is from October to March. The country is well stocked with cattle, wild animals, and birds, some of the latter being of beautiful plumage. Sugar, rice, Indian corn and potatoes are amongst the chief productions. Some of these were shown at the 1862 Exhibition and elicited general commendation."

"After the fashion of those children who leave all the plums in their cakes till the last, we now come to *our* 'tit bits' in the shape of the new postage stamps.

"A white embossed head of Her Majesty is contained in a circle. GAMBIA is inscribed in a straight label above; the value is in white relief below, the spandrel ornaments being also embossed. The stamps we have seen are unperforated. There are two values:—

4 pence deep brown
6 pence deep blue."

This and all subsequent issues used until 1898 are known as the "Cameo" or "embossed" series, on account of the embossed cameo-like portrait of the Queen depicted. The emission consisted of only the two values, viz: 4d deep brown and 6d deep blue, which were the only values required at the time, owing to the postal rates then in existence.

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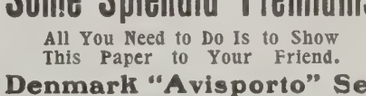
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1911	10c, No. 209	.05
1911	12½c. No. 210	.06
1911	15c. No. 211	.08
1911	17½c. No. 212	.10
1911	20c. No. 213	.10
1911	22½c. No. 214	.12
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1911	50c. No. 217	.15
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UNITED STATES.—The International Stamp Co. has shown us a copy of the 3c grilled stamp of 1870 on very thin paper. While the papers used from 1870 to 1879 varied greatly in thickness and quality, this specimen is evidently a rare paper.

C. F. Nissen shows us a McKinley card, blue ink, which has a defect in the right figure 1, showing colorless marks at each side of the figure. Mr. Nissen found seven copies of the freak in 2,000 cards.

ALBANIA.—Bright & Son have shown us two new post cards with the Scanderberg stamps.

Post Cards.

5 quint green on white.
10 quint red on white.

AUSTRIA.—*Offices in the Levant.*—James J. Lessig calls attention to the fact that the 1pi deep blue of 1908 is found on four papers—indigo blue, white, gray blue with white back, and ultramarine on indigo. Scott only mentions one, deep blue on blue.

CANADA.—George S. Chapman shows us a postmark from Canada evidently being used in place of stamps. The inscription reads "Postage Paid at"—"Toronto, Ont." between circular lines, with the date in the centre.

DOMINICA.—Hermann Focke reports the 5sh value in the King George set.

Adhesive.

5sh green and red on yellow.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—We are indebted to A. W. Dunning, Frank P. Brown and Hermann Focke for specimens of the new series of stamps. The set was issued to commemorate the Centenary of the Republic's Independence, and will be in use only from April 15 to July 15. The stamps are of a crude design, showing the flag of the Republic, with a portrait of Liberator Juan Pablo Duarte. In order to give room for the portrait, the flag is placed on ends, the stamps being an upright oblong, with the design 21x27 mm. The value and "Correos" appears at the top and "Republica Dominica" at the bottom. The figures of value appear in colorless spaces in the upper corners and the dates "1813" and "1913" in the lower corners. The portrait is framed in a heavy "ornamental" frame, with "Centenario de Juan Pablo Duarte" in small type below. The flag is in the proper color, and the portrait in black on all values, the only change being in the color of the frame. This makes three impressions necessary to production. Mr. Focke informs us that the stamps were surface printed at the German Government Printing office in Berlin, the paper being the familiar "Wurttemberg" paper watermarked crosses and circles. The stamps are perforated 12½x13½. In design and appearance they are exceedingly crude, and reflect credit on neither designer nor printer. Mr. Focke is informed that the stamps are available only for inland postage.

Mr. Dunning also sends us a card with stamp of the same design, which has come through the mail, but with the addition of two 1c stamps of the regular issue.

Adhesives.

½c blue, red, black and orange.
1c blue, red, black and green.
2c blue, red, black and salmon.
5c blue, red, black and gray.
10c blue, red, black and purple.
20c blue, red, black and ochre.
50c blue, red, black and yellow brown.
1p blue, red, black and violet.

Post Card.

5c blue, red, black and gray.

DUTCH INDIES.—Bright & Son send us the current post card, with stamp without lined background.

Post Card.

5c rose on rose.

EGYPT.—Bright & Son show us two errors in the provisional post card "3 milliemes 3" on 5m carmine on rose. In one the whole surcharge, which is placed diagonally, is inverted, and in the other only the right hand "3" is inverted.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports the issue of the new postage due stamps. This is the first postal stamp to appear without the Royal portrait. The design shows the Rose, Thistle and Shamrock, with "Postage Due" at the top, the figure of value in the centre and the value in words at the bottom.

Postage Due Adhesives.

½d green.
1d red.
2d agate (?).
5d brown.

Offices in the Levant.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us another value in the King George set.

Adhesive.

30pa on 1½d red brown.

HONDURAS.—H. Chitraro has shown us the 20c on 1c official stamp, steamer type, with a perfect double impression of the black surcharge of new value.

LOURENZO MARQUES.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new Ceres stamps for this Colony the values and colors being the same as for the other Colonies having a similar currency.

MALTA.—Whitfield King & Co. report the issue of the 6d and 2sh values in the new set.

NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke has shown us another provisional from this Republic the 35c blue official stamp having been overprinted like those previously mentioned. There are five of these on the cover submitted, one having an error, being printed "c0.10" instead of "c0.01."

Provisional Adhesive.

"c0.01" on 35c blue and black.

RUSSIA.—Bright & Son have shown us new letter cards and an envelope on blue paper instead of cream as formerly.

Envelope.

7k blue on blue.

Letter Cards.

3k red on blue.
7k blue on blue.

SIAM.—A. W. Dunning and Philip H. Ward, Jr., have shown us the first of three surcharges which were issued in Bankok, the 10 on 12s April 1, and the others April 15. The old value at the top is obliterated by two lines and the new value printed in two languages at the bottom. These provisionals were due to a change in postal rates.

Provisional Adhesives.

"5 satang" on 6s carmine rose.
"10 satang" on 12s gray and brown.
"15 satang" on 28s chocolate.

TURKEY.—From Bright & Son we have received the new stationery, including envelopes, cards and letter cards. The stamp is the same for all—a circular embossed design with the star and crescent as a prominent feature. Within the star is the Tonghra and the autograph of the Sultan. Arabic inscriptions are at the top and "Postes Ottomnes" below. The effect is striking, if not beautiful. Mr. Schachne also reports the new cards.

Envelopes.

20pa red.
1pi blue.

Registration Envelope.

1pi black brown on gray.

Wrappers.

2pa brown violet on buff.
10pa green on buff.

Post Cards.

10pa green on buff.
20pa red on buff.
10x10pa green on buff.
20x20pa red on buff.

Letter Cards.

20pa red on buff.
1pi blue on buff.
20x20pa red on buff.
1x1pi blue on buff.

UNION OF SO. AFRICA.—Bright & Son have shown us some new stationery from this Colony. The letter card has the stamp of the adhesive set, but the envelope has a new embossed stamp of handsome appearance.

Envelope.

1d red on cream.

Letter Card.

1d red on gray.

URUGUAY.—The 3c card, liberty head type, has been overprinted "2 centesimos" between two lines in black, a copy having been shown us by Bright & Son.

Provisional Post Card.

2c on 3c dark brown on buff.

ZANZIBAR.—Bright & Son have shown us some new stationery from Zanzibar with stamp in the new type.

Envelope.

6c red on cream.

Post Cards.

3c green on buff.
6c red on buff.
3x3c green on buff.
6x6c red on buff.

SOURCASM.

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	225	8c		.20	.10
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	253	3c		.12	.06
1895	268	3c		.12	.06
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The "Best" seems to be a good step in the right direction, and with the elimination of a few typographical errors, and some further simplifications, would serve the purpose. The "Junior" makes a mistake in omitting spaces for the scarcer stamps. The ideal album must show every stamp of every issue it covers, but it must cut down its territory to straight varieties of adhesive postage—no minor varieties of color, perforation or watermark to be given, and all surcharges to be omitted. This latter feature would meet with opposition, but the future of philately demands that the line be drawn somewhere, and this mush-room growth of surcharges is a burden that should be cut off from the general collectors.

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POSTAGE STAMPS OF GAMBIA.

(Continued from page 177.)

were just at this period coming to the fore as postage stamp manufacturers, and who have printed all subsequent issues of the colony. The reason for the diminutive size of the sheets of these stamps as compared with the majority of other British Colonial issues is that it was found to be impossible to produce satisfactory impressions of embossed designs in sheets of larger dimensions, as unlike the early embossed stamps of great Britain, which were each struck singly, the whole of the fifteen stamps were, in this case, embossed at one operation.

As regards the method of production of the cameo stamps various theories have been put forward by divers writers. One thing, however, is certain and that is that the printing took place by a double process of flat printing and relief embossing.

The paper employed was of a white wove texture, whilst two distinct hues of the gum are known e. g., white and yellow—a peculiarity which is also common to the later issues.

All sheets of the Cameo stamps bear what are known as "printers guide dots," that is to say one or more dots upon the margins of the sheets in the colour of the stamp. In the case of this issue the dots are to be found opposite stamps Nos. 6 and 10.

Shades are not prolific, although some good intermediate hues are often seen, but it is probable many of these have slightly changed from their original colours through exposure or climatic influence.

The 6d "sloping label" is a very well known Gambian variety and it makes its first appearance in Issue I, but is not so pronounced as in the 1880 series. The plate of this value was defective as regards the top row of five stamps, the defect primarily arising from the fact that all stamps in the top row are ½ mm. than those in rows 2 and 3. The two stamps at the ends of row 1, that is Nos. 1 and 5, slope downwards towards their outer extremities so that the outer line above "Gambia" is not at right angles to the right and left vertical outer lines. Stamp No. 5 shows this peculiarity to the best advantage as the left side of the adhesive is 22½ mm. high and the right only 22 mm.

Other minor varieties consist of slight variations of the curl, but are of little importance.



Reference List.

1869. Unwatermarked on white wove paper. Imperforate.
4d deep brown, chocolate brown, brown.
6d deep blue, blue.

Varieties: 6d "sloping label" [(i) to left, (ii) to right] double embossing (both values) gum, white and yellow, (both values.)

(*To be continued.*)

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

INTRODUCING BILL.

It gives me great pleasure to greet the readers of this department, as its editor. If space permitted, I might be tempted to enlarge upon this statement, with the result that the circulation of this paper would decrease considerably. As the publishers are hot after the eight thousand mark, I won't make it harder for them.

Beginners, this is *Your* department. It is designed for you, and should contain the matter you want to read. I have been a beginner, specialist, advanced collector, and amateur dealer, so believe that I can help make this page interesting for you. However, I want the help of every reader. I want to make every reader my personal friend. Write and tell me what you think of this page, how you would improve it, what you like about it, and what you *Do Not* like about it. Without your aid, I cannot give you what you want.

I intend to make this section interesting by means of special features, as well as the Question Box, Good Stamps to Buy, Hints for Beginners and Contests. Won't you tell me about your collection, how you take care of your duplicates, how you became a collector or give me any other matter you think will be of interest to the readers? Let me hear from you.

BILL BLOSS.

PHILATELY AND STAMP COLLECTING.

The dictionary defines a philatelist as "one who collects postage stamps." Since that dictionary was written, however, stamp collecting has become more of a science, so now a philatelist is apparently one who "studies postage stamps" and is in fact one who collects stamps, analyzes them as to composition and material, studies them as to history, manufacture and design, (using benzine cups, high power glasses, perforation gauges, and a library of the studies of others of his kind) and classifies them as to perforation, shade, thickness of paper, watermark, minor differences of design, cancellation, etc. It is entirely proper for him to have a hundred copies of one stamp in his collection if he can point out a particle of difference in each one.

A stamp collector is one who collects stamps because they are stamps, classifies them according to design and series, saves whatever stamps come his way, and is glad to get them. He worries not whether a stamp is perforated fourteen or four hundred, if it is clean, and looks nice in his book. What cares he whether or not it is Die II. watermark reversed, on Chalky paper, with Control Mark C 3? His stamps are from all quarters of the globe. They speak of strange places, and lead him to dreams of foreign lands. He remembers where he got each specimen. He thinks kindly of the friend who added that odd Australian one to his lot. He remembers the day he traded a cover from Guatemala for the Straits Settlement tiger stamp. He appreciates his stamps as such, because he is not working at the hopeless task of hunting for that double transfer, or the scarce five cent with the dot back of Washington's ear.

Who gets the most pleasure, the philatelist or the stamp collector?

SOME GOOD EUROPEANS TO BUY.

For the past ten years, the writer has been more or less interested in current issues, and during his search for stamps, has found that certain values of every set are more or less elusive, and, in fact, some are really "rarities," though low priced. The following notes may be of some interest to the new collector who wants to know what stamps to buy, or what stamps are "best." In making up this list, no particular attention has been paid to the catalogue values, though nearly all the scarce values are priced higher than others in the catalogue. Also, of course, in all sets, the higher values are better than the lower values, and so, unless there is some particular reason for noting them, they have been omitted from this list. The writer will be very glad to hear from other collectors on this subject. Notes on other sections of the world will follow.

Austria—The scarcest value is the 12 heller. The writer looked for the 12 heller of the 1904 type for some time before he found one. The 30 heller, 60 heller, and 72 heller are all moderately scarce.

Bavaria—The stamps of this state vary in scarcity gradually according to face value, and no value seems to be unusually scarce. The 60 pfennig is rather desirable.

Belgium—The 2c, 20c and 35c appear to be the "hard-to-get" stamps of this country. In the Parcel Post issues, the 15c, 25c, 35c and 40c are the values most seldom seen, though the 15c is the only one really scarce.

Bosnia—The stamps of this country are of such a speculative nature that all are more or less common. In the earlier issues, however, the 30, 35, 40 and 45 heller are quite scarce, and genuine postally cancelled copies of these values in all sets should be desirable. As a matter of fact, all postally cancelled Bosnias are scarce, especially in America.

Bulgaria—The 3stot appears in the catalogue as a value slightly scarcer than the other low values. The writer has found the values of 30stot and higher to be quite hard to find.

Denmark—The 15 ore, 25 ore, 35 ore and higher values are good.

France—The 20c and 30c are the scarcest denominations in the stamps of this republic. The 30c orange, of the current issue, seems to be quite scarce, though low priced in the European lists. Unused French stamps are rather hard to secure in good condition.

Germany—All values are quite common, though the 2 pfennig, 25pf, 60pf and 80pf seem to be in demand. Of these, the 2pf and 60pf are the scarcest.

Great Britain—The 4d and 7d and higher values are desirable. The 7d appears to be especially good, the King Edward 7d being listed at 15c cancelled.

Greece—The 30 and 40 lepta are better than the 50 lepta, and are actually harder to get than some of the higher values, though cheaper.

Italy—The writer experienced some difficulty in finding the 40c values of this country. The 45c and 50c values are scarce, but are more frequently met with than the 40c.

Netherlands—The 3c, 7½c, 17½c, and 22½c values are the most desirable of this country. The 22½c of all sets is very good.

Norway—The 15 ore, 25 ore, 30 ore and 60 ore are all quite scarce.

Portugal—The 10. 15, 20, 75 and 80 reis values are desirable.

Roumania—The 15 bani is the only scarce value of this country.

Russia—The 4, 5, 14, and 15 kopec values are in demand. There is a good demand for all Russian values in nice condition.

Spain—The 2c, 20c and 40c values are desirable. For some reason, recent Spanish stamps are not as common as heretofore.

Sweden—The 8, 15, 25, 30, and 35 ore values are good. Of these, the 8 ore is by far the best, being really very seldom found.

Switzerland—Experience has shown that the 3c, 12c, and 15c values are apt to increase in value. The 35c and 70c are also rather difficult to find.

Turkey—The 5 para of several series is evidently scarce used, according to the catalogue, though the writer has found all values to be quite common, up to 5 piastres.

By knowing the money standards of the various countries, and with some knowledge of the postal rates, the collector can soon learn to determine for himself just what values are scarcest. Of course, when a collector tries to complete a set, and finds several values unobtainable, he will realize that they are the scarce ones. However, some collectors may get many of these odd values without realizing that they are particularly desirable.

Stamps with a face value of 5, 10, 25, and 50 centimes, being equivalent to the United States 1c, 2c, 5c, and 10c stamps, are as a rule, common in all countries. For the same reason, the values of 5, 10, and 20 ore, and pfennig; 5, 10, 25, hellers, fillers, lepton, stotinki, and 25 and 50 reis, are also common.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—In a recent number of the WEEKLY H. C. Bouldin of Cleburne, Tex., was reported for substitution. Mr. Bouldin disclaims all knowledge of any substitution of stamps and claims that he has been misrepresented. He affirms his innocence and desires the publication of this item.

—The S. P. A. annual convention will be held in Indianapolis, Sept. 8-9, 1914. Hotel Claypool will be headquarters.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from A. W. Dunning.

TRADE NOTE.

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U. S. STAMPS AS A FIELD FOR SPECIALISM.

By H. L. WILEY.

(Continued from page 175.)

6. INKS.

Color varieties are the results of changes produced by moisture, light and "impure" air, or by a difference in the constituent chemicals and minerals from which the inks are made or by the action of other chemicals to the action of which the ink is exposed.

Errors in color may or may not be premeditated changes produced by the skilful experimenter, but the importance with reference to the catalog value is sufficient incentive to inspire considerable investigation.

The 3 cent stamp of 1861 is an example of the kind. The pink stamp sells for about five hundred times as much as the common rose shade.

The inks used for stamp printing are innumerable. They range from the simplest pigment made from a natural earth to the anilines of the most complicated chemical nature. The action of the residual chemicals left in the insufficiently washed paper pulp or that of the constituent elements of the gum may greatly affect the color of the stamp.

Some of the colors used in printing United States stamps are more or less fugitive, even when kept in a dark place and unexposed to impure or gas-laden atmosphere.

Ultramarine is an example of this type; it is comparatively well known that color pigments made from lead bases are subject to rapid oxidization and darkening, especially if exposed to an atmosphere containing a sulphurous gas. Lead oxide forms the base of many pigments used in printing inks.

This investigation is not beyond the ability of any philatelist who has had "high school" chemistry, and yet there has been very little published on the subject.

7. PAPER.

Perhaps there is no secondary subject of more vital interest to stamp collectors than the paper upon which their stamps are printed. The two general varieties of paper, wove and laid, are pretty well understood by the general collector, but he is quite often unable to define the quality of a specimen under consideration.

There is perhaps no subject closely related to our hobby, which is as interesting as that of the manufacture of paper. The sixty or seventy years that have passed since the first few postage stamps were manufactured have witnessed two great changes in the commoner processes of paper making.

Paper making machines have revolutionized some details of manufacture and the development of the chemical process has practically eliminated the use of hand made papers. The "chemical" process is the one in which the wood fibers are reduced to cellulose by means of strong chemicals. The "mechanical" wood pulp is pulp which has been ground from the original wood fiber. The characteristics of these two general classes are quite distinct and easily determined by means of simple reactions.

The treatment which the pulp receives in the course of its transition into paper is susceptible to a great number of mechanical or chemical variations so that a finished paper made from the same materials as another may present different characteristics. Assuming that different fibers and "filler" and "size" enter the composition of two kinds of paper, it is possible to subject them to mechanical treatments which will render them very similar in appearance.

The philatelist who undertakes the study of this subject has a broad field and likewise a lot of "clues" on which to work. In United States stamps we have the little understood "chemical" papers and "pink" papers of forty years ago, the "pelures" which may indicate any one of ten primary causes, and the "China Clay" or the "bluish experimental" papers of two or three years ago.

The coloring matter used in the "bluish" papers was ultramarine. Various counterfeits which were submitted to the writer for his opinion were colored with Prussian Blue. One of these pigments is soluble in an acid and is not greatly affected by an alkali while the reverse is true of the other so that the ease with which it is possible to determine these counterfeits is readily apparent, but unfortunately this simple reaction was not

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8. GUM.

The gum which has been applied to stamps is a factor of minor importance in many cases although the characteristics have varied more or less with the improved methods of manufacture of the succeeding years.

One point, however, should not be overlooked. The gum may contain residual chemicals which may have a very decided effect upon both the paper and the ink used in the manufacture of the stamp. It is probable that a number of the "queer" stamps of fifty years ago owe their distinguishing characteristics to the chemical nature of the gum used upon them.

The methods used in applying the gum to the sheets of stamps are matters of interest. Not long ago, a well known stamp man attributed the so-called "laid" lines appearing in some of the 1902 series to the effect of the "new brushes" with which the gum was applied whereas the fact is that no brushes are used. The gum is contained in a reservoir in which a smooth glass cylinder or roller is revolved. The lower edge of the cylinder is immersed in the gum and as the sheet of stamps is rolled over this cylinder, the contact gums the sheet, incidentally contradicting a very pretty piece of guesswork.

9. STAMP MANUFACTURE.

The requirements of an article on the above subject include a more or less technical description of every process from the time the materials are delivered to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, up to the finished stamp. The details of the manufacture of stamp booklets have never been published for philatelists and as a result, we are somewhat in the dark on a number of points.

The article must be one from the pen of a writer who has spent a few observing hours at the Bureau and who can describe what he has seen.

The writer believes that American collectors are entering upon an "inquisitive" era and that collectors are becoming less inclined to accept unverified statements made by "prominent" philatelists whose audiences were formerly too often impressed more by the great man's name than by his accomplishments. I have read that the King of England is a philatelist when he is not busy with his kingly duties, but his contributions to the hobby are of considerably less value to the United States collector than the average piece of research work from the pens of men like Stevenson and Pack.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—There is a letter in this office for Donald H. Graham. Our mailing list is not arranged alphabetically and we shall be glad to have the state and town address supplied.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Edw. Ebbels, W. F. Van Dusen.

—The International Stamp Co. announces this week a new blank album and a full description is given in the advertisement elsewhere in this issue. The leaves are held in place by strips of rawhide and the book opens absolutely flat. The firm claims that in the use of this album there will be no rubbing of stamps. It should prove a good competitor of the albums already in the market.

—Messrs. Reidell, Gibson and Stiles of Schenectady, N. Y., are endeavoring to organize a stamp club in their city, to be known probably as the Schenectady Stamp Society. It is hoped that this new project will be a success, and the organizers desire the coöperation of all interested parties, especially if residents of that city.

—Samuel C. Scharf, N. Y. City, in February wrote the International Stamp Co., requesting stamps on approval, and giving as reference, Chas. A. Townsend, Akron, Ohio, who wrote: "I have looked through card index covering all cards back to 1905 and can find no Samuel Scharf of New York or any other place."

—A new issue of the 1d King George Aust. Commonwealth is reported and notwithstanding the rumors of changes, the stamp is identical with the first printing.

EIFFEL TOWER ON NEW STAMPS.

PARIS, May 16.—The French authorities are considering the issue of a series of stamps with a new design. Instead of Roty's familiar "Sower," the new stamps will have a picture of the Eiffel tower with an aeroplane flying over it. The reason for this change is that the present stamp is easily copied by forgers. The proposed new design is meeting with much criticism. It is said that if the government must supersede Roty's graceful figure it might be something more pleasing than the Eiffel tower.—Chicago *Tribune*.

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I wish to apologize to the contestants and others interested for the long delay, but the long illness and death of my father and the resulting business cares, together with the unexpected amount of work involved in the contest prevented an earlier announcement.
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THE MONACO "O L" OVERPRINT.

Our readers will find in the Standard Catalogues a series of Monaco stamps mentioned bearing an overprint consisting of the letters "O L" within a circle of dots. We shall now show that this so-called overprint is really not an overprint at all, but a very interesting postmark, the sign of a unique arrangement whereby, contrary to the conventions existing between them the stamps of the two States of Monaco and France were used for nearly seven years in a certain limited fashion in each other's territories and post offices.

Hand stamps consisting of the letters "O L" (=Origine Locale) or "O R" (=Origine Rurale) within a circle either of dots in the former case or continuous in the latter, have been in use in France for many years. The "O R" stamp was first used in 1836, and the "O L" about 1847. These handstamps were furnished to country postmen and had to be used by them on letters which were delivered to them by hand during their rounds, or later collected by them from the boxes. Sometimes these marks were applied to the covers and not to the stamps, but occasionally the stamps were struck. In the case of letters collected by country postmen from boxes and delivered by them to the addresses on the same round, the postmen were instructed to apply the "O R" mark twice to the stamps in order to obliterate them, for such letters would not pass through any post-office and the stamps thereon might remain uncancelled. It is therefore only to be expected that we should find these marks on covers bearing Monaco stamps and occasionally struck on the stamps themselves.

The town of Monte Carlo, owing to its many attractions and above all owing to its far-famed Casino, drew thousands of visitors, and in consequence the town spread itself out on every side and encroached on to French territory, where eventually a large and flourishing suburb, called Monte Carlo Supérieur, grew up. Although Monte Carlo Supérieur was on French territory and for many years postally and administratively attached to the French Commune of La Turbie on the mountains above, at last it became too large to be conveniently managed from La Turbie, and it was therefore then attached to the Administration of the Posts of the Principality of Monaco. No post-office nor even an auxiliary office was, however, installed there; consequently Monégasque postmen crossed the frontier, collected Monte Carlo Supérieur's letters from the boxes and recrossed into the Principality where the letters were delivered to the Monte Carlo post-office. These letters were, of course, generally franked with Monaco stamps. This took place in 1902, and it was decided to supply the postmen with the "O L" handstamps, they being instructed to apply these handstamps to the stamps on letters collected from the boxes at Monte Carlo Supérieur. The wide-awake and astute philatelist at once noted this peculiarity, and numbers of letters were posted at Monte Carlo Supérieur in order to obtain Monaco stamps with the "O L" cancellation. The desire then grew up for these "provisionals" in mint condition, and the obliging postmen quite willingly applied their "O L" stamp to unused stamps in panes and sheets, no doubt in consideration of a little *pourboire*. Thus is explained the existence of Monaco stamps in mint unused condition with the "O L" handstamp, which has been considered a veritable overprint.—*Postage Stamp.*

THE STAMPS OF SONORA.

H. R. Howard, sending the managing editor a few Sonora covers for his collection, gives some particulars concerning postal rates that may be of value to the readers of the WEEKLY. We quote from his letter as follows:

"Covers with other than 5 or 10c rates are comparatively scarce in Sonoras. 1c is the rate on printed matter and also local post card rate; 2c the domestic post-card rate and local or 'drop letter rate;' 3c the 'official' letter rate; 4c the foreign post card rate; 5c the domestic letter rate (for 20 grams or about ⅔ of an ounce); 10c the foreign letter rate and registration fee.

"While 2c is the local letter rate, it does not seem to be generally known as many business houses, etc., stamp all sealed letters with 5c stamps. Some years ago, I don't know just when, the Mexican P. O. D. granted to all city, county and state offices a special 3c letter rate which explains the commonness of the ordinary 3c Mexican stamp. The majority of these are probably used 'officially.' The P. O. D. itself and offices of the national government generally use 'penalty' envelopes.

"In Sonora, most of the government offices franked their correspondence with the seal of the office or the letters 'S. O. D. G. D. E.' (Servicio Oficial del Gobierno del Estado) or both. The 3c Sonora stamp is seldom found used 'officially'."

CONGO FREE STATE ON THE MARKET.

PARIS, May 15.—Because of the great cost that is now involved in its maintenance, the Congo Free State, the rubber plantations of which enriched and disgraced the late King Leopold, of Belgium, is to be sold by the Belgium government according to private advices that have reached this city.

It is regarded here as certain that France will take advantage of the right of priority given her in the recent agreement made with Great Britain and Germany, and will add the African territory to its colonial possessions by becoming the purchaser. The information as to the decision of the Belgium government is believed to be an intimation to France to buy.

TRADE NOTE.

We have received from the United Stamp Company, the first instalment of the Marquette Sectional Loose Leaf Album, consisting of eight pages devoted to the U. S. issues from the postmasters' stamps to the 1857-60 issues. The pages are issued as a supplement to the United Stamp Company *Herald*. The plan of the album proposes the abridgment of issues in the respect that rarities of the practically unattainable class are not given spaces. The sample pages under notice embody an innovation that we commend highly as the issues are "written up" in an instructive way; a point of distinction is given by the prefatory descriptions conveying concisely, pertinent and interesting explanations. The cuts of originals and imitations of the 1847 issue and of the type varieties of the succeeding two issues are helpful indeed. The printed annotations are on one side of the sheet and the blank spaces, numbered, are on the complementary page opposite. The paper is of good quality and the printing is in keeping. The enterprise of the publishers should be amply rewarded as the album marks a progressive step in album making.

British Madagascar
I have just bought a specialized collection of this interesting colony which includes practically every variety (and minor variety) listed by Scott.
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The collection is now priced and owing to favorable purchase I have been able to allow very liberal discounts from catalogue quotations.
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A RECORD CIRCULATION

7700 We have many warm friends and admirers who will rejoice with us in the splendid progress that we are making toward the 8000 mark. Approaching as we are the summer season, it is possible that we may have to postpone until next winter the achievement of this much-desired goal, but this week we have 7700.

There is no stamp paper in the world that has attained the influence that the WEEKLY has secured, and we are greatly indebted to those who by their cooperation have made our great success possible.

We have a deep sense of the responsibility resting upon us to uphold the dignity and delight in our hobby and shall try to continue to measure up to it.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Arrived—The new United States stamps are no longer novelties as they present no variations in design from the stamps in use. The colors of the younger set are their points of distinction; and several of the colors are striking. The official circular published in our issue of May 9th tells the story of the stamps. We may only add that the centering of the first consignment of the newcomers seems to be unusually poor.

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The Melting Pot—From Mr. William E. Marsh, editor of the Western Newspaper Union, Oklahoma City, we have received a newspaper clipping describing the recent destruction by fire in the furnace of the United States navy yard of the disused plates of postage and revenue stamps, bank notes, etc., of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, for the year past. The event is an annual one and at the latest incineration, 41,800 pounds of metal representing 4,326 pieces were consigned to the flames. The care taken to ensure the total destruction of the plates certainly is thorough; and there is no chance that anything be "saved from the flames." The account says: "The melted steel is poured into molds covering a great variety of castings that eventually find their way to the armament of our modern battleships."

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Stuck Down—Some months ago, Mr. W. S. Aldrich called attention to the reprehensible custom of those collectors who secured stamps on approval and carried them in their pockets only to have the original gum specimens adhere more or less firmly to the leaves. Needless to say, the value of such specimens is impaired to some extent even though the dealer takes time and pains to loosen the stamps carefully when they are returned. Now that warmer weather is coming, it is all the more necessary to realize that the adhesive quality of gum needs but little encouragement to show its nature. Frankly, the collector who subjects the dealer to loss and inconvenience in the manner described is responsible for the consequences of his heedlessness.

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Only Right—Chicago Branch One, American Philatelic Society, at its May meeting paid a deserved tribute to two of the present officers of the parent organization who originally were presented by the Chicago Branch. W. C. Ault, secretary, and C. F. Mann, treasurer, were renominated for the ensuing term.

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A Well-Spring Of Joy—Our fount of inspiration, Mr. H. Wesley Legg, diffuses a refreshing spray on us; he writes: "It seems that there was once a troupe known as the 'Postage Stamp Company' as described on the bill enclosed which I found in a collection of old play-bills which I bought recently." Upon sighting the booklet, which is in the form of a folder of ten pages exploiting pictorially and in text, the musical farce comedy, A Postage Stamp, we cried, a la Bret Harte's boys of the bonanza days, Eureka! as a quest of many years had come to a successful close. In 1888 or so, Dr. Mitchell moved at a meeting of the National Philatelic Society, New York, that early adjournment be taken so that the members might attend a performance of the play, "A Postage Stamp," and since then we felt that it was our duty to investigate the play with the idea of discovering whether or not the attendance of the members of the society in a body was impelled by a desire for serious philatelic study or whether the members sought the distractions of the theatre with frivolous intent. The years rolled on and our research was unrewarded; and just as we were about to yield to despair, the wand of our good fairy, more or less, Mr. H. Wesley Legg, changes sadness into joy.

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Curiosity of Literature—The face of the folder advertising "A Postage Stamp," takes the form of an envelope which is postmarked, "Boston, Mass., Jul. 4, 7-45 P., 1888." The cancellation is six parallel bars horizontally, enclosing the sub-station number, 8; and the "stamp" has for its central design the head of the stage Irishman; above is, "A Postage Stamp" and below, "Come 2 Laugh." The return card reads: "Coming. A Great Laughing Success. The Musical Farce Comedy, A Postage Stamp, by Henry C. Stanley, accompanied by the Grand Military Black Hussar Band and Magnificent Star Orchestra. Under the management of D. J. Sprague. Fred. F. Platts, Agent." The address is: "A Special Invitation —X 10 ded 2 U to C—A Postage Stamp Co." in three lines. The folder advertises this "jolliest of all farce comedies" in a superlative manner, the writer indulging in an orgy of adjectives that would put the circus poster writer to blush. The pictures in the folder are on a par with the text; and so "funny" are they that they are more than humorous. All in all, the circular is an interesting reflection of the days when the farce comedy was dearly beloved by the playing going populace; and when "A Paper Doll," "A Rag Baby," "We, Us & Co.," literally swayed hundreds of thousands with laughter. We must admit that the only suggestion of philately that is carried by A Postage Stamp is the name.

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We Want To Know—In his *Metropolitan Philatelist*, Mr. J. W. Scott finishes an editorial on the proper collecting spirit with these words: "The real collector never tires and is as interested at eighty as when he took up the pursuit at eight, which is about the present limit of the oldest collector." In the past, philatelic writers have dwelt on the seeming connection between philately and longevity and we know that particularly abroad, have there been inspiring examples of philatelists living to very advanced ages. Of course, we should all like to think that philately was conducive to longevity but in reality, we can only say that the gentle pursuit of stamp collecting has the effect of a tonic or stimulant without any debilitating after effects. What we wish to know is this. Who is our oldest subscriber in years? We know that we have many venerable readers and we are proud of the fact. Every now and then, we are gratified to hear that such and such a subscriber is a veteran of many years; and now we wish to know who our oldest readers are. In all respect we ask those readers who think that they are "along in years" to send us a card or letter telling their age. The WEEKLY will esteem it a favor to add a good stamp to the collection of its oldest reader.

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Team Work—Says a subscriber: "Some time ago, I bought stamps at auction from a firm that guaranteed them without limit to time. Soon afterwards, the auctioneers painlessly sank beneath the surface; and now an expert tells me that the stamps are degenerates of the worst kind and should be annihilated. What is the answer? (I go to all this trouble to write and ask this question merely to give the opportunity to answer: 'Patronize reliable and established firms only')." We shake the helping hand of our reader and drop a tear of sympathy on it.

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Arctic explorers tell of the dreadful persecution of the six months' polar day, and of the terrible depression produced by perpetual darkness in the six months' night. But hardly less depressing is perpetual work, work, work, day after day in the same shop or office, at the same unchanging task, in the same mill-horse round. A hobby, to which a man springs the moment the pressure of his customary work is removed, draws him out of his rut. It breaks up the stagnation and monotony of his life, and vivifies the faculties which have become blunt and dull. It emancipates a merchant or a stockbroker from the click of the telegraph and the bondage of the day-book and the ledger, a clergyman from his musty theology, and a lawyer from his wearisome precedents, *obiter, dictas,* and *fi fas.* Last, not least, it delivers a jaded and fretted housewife from the round of petty, monotonous domestic cares which tyrannize over her daily life, and out of the toiler reproduces and recreates the woman.

Not the smallest merit of a hobby is that it liberalizes its rider. It delivers him from narrowness and onesidedness—that tendency to judge everything from a single standpoint which is so often the curse of the toiler in one groove. It has been said that there is not an artisan in the country who, if he but had a hobby,—a pet avocation,—would not be a more contented man, less a victim of acridity, and less disposed to believe in the wrongs of inequality of condition.

In nothing are men's differences and idiosyncrasies more vividly seen than in their hobbies. Of the odd tastes of collectors, especially, there is no end. A century or two ago there was a mania for collecting old hats, caps, and boots, —of which last there was a famous collection at Hotel Cluny at Paris, showing all the changes in the cobbler's art since the flood,—also shoes, slippers, garters, wigs, snuff-boxes, pipes, walking-sticks, brushes, gloves, watches, clocks, and even ropes with which men had been hanged! In our day there is a rage for old china, armor, brasses and bronzes, bric-a-brac, cameos, pictures, furniture, books, postage stamps, butterflies and bugs. One of the pleasantest, but one of the most expensive hobbies, is that of the picture-collector. A charming hobby for a man with money is that of a rose-fancier. Few men ever experience a keener delight than that of a bibliomaniac, when, after mousing for days and even weeks about old bookstalls, he comes suddenly upon a rare old volume, for which he has been long searching, and which, thanks to the ignorance of the owner, he bears triumphantly home for a few silver coins.

The best hobbies are intellectual ones. They not only delight and recreate their devotees, but are also preservative against selfishness, vulgarity and wordliness. They have, however, one disadvantage,—that they are apt to be ridden too hard, and thus, instead of refreshing and invigorating, to send a man back to his work fatigued and depressed. Such was the case with that English glutton of work, Sir George C. Lewis, who, when chancellor of the exchequer, home secretary and secretary of war, devoted himself, in the intervals of his official labors, to the study of history, politics, philology, anthropology, and antiquarianism, and to the copying of Greek manuscripts in the British Museum. The result was that he died at the age of fifty-seven, when, if he had had fewer hobbies, and ridden them less hard, he might probably have lived to fourscore or longer. "Blessed is the man that has a hobby!" says Lord Brougham, who kept a whole stableful, and I agree with him; but I agree also with Bulwer that it will not do to have more than one at a time. "One hobby leads you out of extravagance. A team of hobbies you cannot drive, till you are rich enough to find corn for them all."

ACCIDENT TO FRED. J. MELVILLE.

The many friends of the President of the Junior Philatelic Society will regret to hear that, late on Tuesday the 14th inst., the taxi in which he was proceeding to his residence in Brixton, was run into by a 5-ton motor-lorry, with results which, happily not very serious, might easily have been fatal to Mr. Melville.

So far as the taxi was concerned, they evidently were fatal, if one may judge from the debris in the Brixton road; the motor-lorry also suffered to a considerable extent.

The unfortunate "fare" awoke from sudden oblivion to find himself, with bruised ribs and a vague recollection of recent events, in a neighbouring surgery, undergoing examination by its medical owner.

The medico's prescription was, we gathered from a note Mr. Melville recently sent us—bed *die ac nocte* for the rest of the week, which we hope will put him all right again.—*Stamp Collectors Fortnightly.*

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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AUSTRALIA.—Whitfield King & Co. announce that a second printing of one million penny stamps of the King Geo. type has been made, and contrary to general expectation they are practically undistinguishable from the first printing. This second issue has been placed on sale without any restrictions.

GREAT BRITAIN.—We have now seen the new postage due stamps, as announced last week, a full set having been shown us by the New England Stamp Co. The colors are slightly different from those given in *Ewen's Weekly*, but the description is correct, the shape being a horizontal oblong about the size of the United States Panama-Pacific stamps. These stamps are watermarked "G V R" sideways and perforated 14x15.

Adhesives.

½d emerald green.
1d rose carmine.
2d black brown.
5d yellow brown.

Postmasters in the United Kingdom are forbidden to sell these postage due stamps, but they can be obtained at the Somerset House under certain restrictions, this forming a refreshing contrast to the petty restrictions of the United States Postal Department.

HONDURAS.—Hermann Focke has shown us the provisional "10 cent." on 6c dark violet noted in No. 1210, and we find that the overprint is in red.

INDIA.—According to *Champion's Bulletin* the 3p, ½a and 1a have been surcharged "C. E. F." for use of the Chinese Expeditionary Force.

NICARAGUA.—H. Chitraro and Hermann Focke have favored us with further provisionals, printed on the blue official stamps, with statue of Liberty. Mr. Focke also shows a new Cordoba surcharge, the 10c gray Locomotive envelope having been surcharged "Dos—centavos—de—Cordoba."

Provisional Adhesives.
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"c0.02" on 20c blue and black.
"c0.01" on 25c blue and black.
"c0.02" on 50c blue and black.

Provisional Envelope.

"Dos centavos" on 10c gray; locomotive.

NORWAY.—The Jubilee stamps, announced some time since and described in No. 1213, have at last been issued, and specimens have been shown us by Hermann Focke and the Sterling Stamp Co. The stamps are a large horizontal oblong, 28x22½ mm. As announced, the scene depicted is the constitutional assembly at Eidsvold, from the painting by Wergeland. This picture is framed in a simple yet attractive frame, with the value in figures in the centre of the upper line of the frame, with "Norge" in the lower frame line. "Post" is worked twice into the upper frame line, and the dates "1814" and "1914" into the lower frame line. The plate was engraved by Prof. Schirnbock of Vienna. The stamps are handsomely engraved and printed; wove paper, perforated 13½.

Adhesives.

5 öre green.
10 öre carmine.
20 öre slate blue.

SWEDEN.—The Sterling Stamp Co. has shown us the new 5kr stamp recently announced. The design is Scott's A14 and the stamp is printed on yellow paper, watermarked large crown.

Adhesive.

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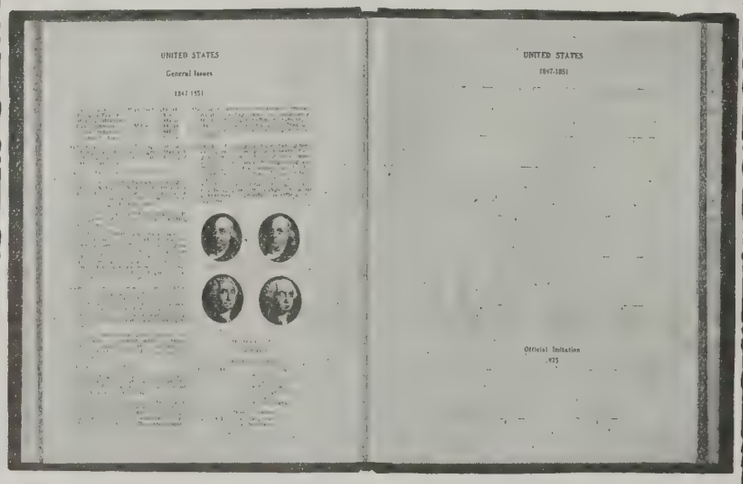
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Remembering this regulation since its birth, we never should have made the request to a "Counter Officer"; our request and application were addressed to the Controller of the London Postal Service, and so far as we are aware he does not come under the style of counter officer, and the Postage Due stamps are not sold over the counter. We thought he might oblige us for journalistic purposes, but we did him and his department too much credit for an over-burdening anxiety to please!—*Postage Stamp.*

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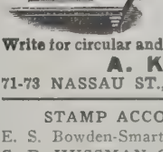
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	20c orange brown and black, No. 75..	.02
	30c blue green and black, No. 76 ..	.04
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2 *	5 and 10c, Gov't re-issue, fine	?
3	1851, 5c brown, very fine except slight thin spot	10.00
4	10c green, **fine horiz. pair**	3.00
5	*1857, 1c type II, fine, tho perfs. touch left	10.00
6	1c blue, superb strip of 3 on entire cover	(.75)
7	5c red brown, No. 46, a fine vertical pair	12.00
8	10c No. 50, fine on entire cover.	(1.25)
9	10c No. 50a superb horiz. pair on entire cover	(1.30)
10	12c black, fine	2.00
11*	24c lilac, o. g.	6.00
12	1861, 1,2,3,5,10,12,15, 24, 30c, all fine	5.11
13	1867, 24c lilac (grilled) very fine	6.00
14	1869, **90c black & carmine, perfectly centered, very fine, rare**	**15.00**
15	1870, 6c carmine, (grilled) fine	4.00
16	*1879, 6c pink, o. g., superb	3.00
17 *	10c brown, o. g., fine	3.00
18	1888-90, 30c brown, 90c orange, fine	1.35
19	90c purple, fine	2.00
20	1893, 30c mint; 50c used, fine	1.35
20a	1c to 50c inc., fine set	1.92
21	*1908, 1c 2c & 2c Lincoln **bluish paper**, mint **blocks of 4**	2.90
22	**Depts., *Executive 6c o. g., superb**	**15.00**
23	State, 7c used, fine	2.50
24	State, 15c o. g., fine	4.50
25	State same, used	3.50
26	***Dues, 1894, 30c and 50c o. g., fine**	2.70
27	***Envelope 1861, 12c No. 1338**	6.00
28 *	1887, 90c purple, No. 1584	2.50
	U. S. REVENUES	
29	**Imperf. 15c Inl. Ex., fine pair**	2.00
30	50c Convey., **fine horiz. pair**	3.00
31	$1.00 Entry and Manifest, fine	2.25
32	$5.00 Manifest, very fine	3.50
33	**Perforate, 4c Play. Cards, very fine**	**8.00**
34	$1.00 Pass. Ticket, very fine	6.00
35	$1.00 For. Ex., fine	2.00
36	$20.00 Conveyance, very fine	1.50
37	2nd Issue, $50.00 blue and black, very fine	12.00
38	**Prop., 50c black and green on green, perfectly centered, superb**	**25.00**
39	*1898, $5.00 Doc., No. 2995 (sur. reading down) o. g. very fine, scarce	10.00
40	$50.00 bistre-brown, fine	1.50
41	*1900 $10.00 No. 3052, mint, fine	(?)
42	(Prop.) Chas. Marchand, set complete 5/8 to 7½c, fine	3.15
	CONFEDERATE STATES	
43	1861, 5c green (No. 200) on entire cover	(?)
44	1862, 5c blue, No. 206, horiz. pair on entire cover	(?)
45	* 7 varieties (1 used) nice lot	2.90
	GUAM	
46	*1899, 1, 2, 6, 8c all o. g. fine	3.20
47 *	1, 2, 2, 8c all o. g. fine	2.45
	ARGENTINE	
48	1867, 5c carmine, No. 14, very fine.	5.00
49	1891, 5 pesos, No. 87, fine, scarce	5.00
	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	
50	*1883, 1fr No. 81, o. g., superb	1.75
51	*1904, 1c on 20c No. 145a, o. g. fine	3.00
	PERU	
52	1862-72, 1p brown and 1p orange Nos. 13-15, both superb	3.75
	URUGUAY	
53	*1857, 240c No. 6, very fine	6.00
54	1877, 1c to 1 peso, complete, fine	3.31
	DANISH WEST INDIES	
55	1855, 3c dark carmine No. 1, fine	4.00
56	3c Nos. 2 and 2a, both fine	2.90
57	1872, 3c carmine No. 3, fine	2.50
	DENMARK	
58	*1864, **3s red-violet, o. g. perfection block of 4**	5.00
59 *	4s red, same description	5.00
60 *	3s and 4s, both perfection	2.50
61 *	8s bistre, o. g. perfection	8.00
62	*1870, 16s No. 20, o. g., perfection	5.00
63	48s No. 24, scarce	3.00
	FERNANDO POO	
64	*1879, 5c green, o. g. fine	2.50
65	50c blue, fine, scarce	1.75
	FINLAND	
66	*1866, 5p No. 6, o. g. fine	2.50
67	5p red-brown, used, superb, **very rare thus**	**5.00**
68 *	8p green, o. g. fine	1.75
69	6, 8, 10, 20, 40p, very scarce	3.25
70	1889, 5 mark No. 44, very fine	1.50
71	10 mark No. 45, very fine	1.75

Lot No.	FRANCE	Cat. Value
72	1849, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40c and 1fr fine set **and scarce**	8.91
73	***1862**, 20 and 1fr reissue, o. g., fine	1.75
74	1853-60, 1c to 1fr, complete set, tho last has slight crease, fine	6.91
75	*1863, 1, 2, 4, 20, 40c all fine	4.01
76	5fr No. 36, fine, scarce	1.75
77	5fr No. 36a, superb, rare	3.00
78	***1870**, 1, 2, 4c all o. g. fine	3.00
79	1c to 80c, comp. set, very fine	4.83
80	1881-92, 5fr black No. 228, fine	2.50
	DIEGO SUAREZ	
81	1890, 5 and 25c (first unused), fine	2.25
	MADAGASCAR	
82	1891, 5, 10, 15, 25c (2 new) scarce	1.90
	GERMANY	
83	*(Alsace) 1870, 2c No. 91, o. g., fine	3.00
84 *	1870, 4c No. 92, o. g., v. good	3.00
85	*(Levant) 1884, 1¼pi, No. 504, o.g., very fine	6.00
86 *	1884, 2½pi, No. 506, o. g.,v. fine	6.00
	BAVARIA	
87	1862, 1, 3, 6, 9, 12kr, scarce set	1.45
88	1867, 18kr red, No. 20, fine	2.50
	BERGEDORF	
89	*1861, 1s, No. 4a, tete-beche pair, o. g., fine	3.50
90 *	Nos. 3,4,5,6,7 in **mint blks. of 4**	9.20
	BRUNSWICK	
91	1865, ⅓gr black, very fine	2.50
92	5 var. Nos. 4a, 6, 11, 20, 22	2.75
	HAMBURG	
93	*1859-64, ½s black, o. g., fine	2.00
94	1861-65, Nos. 16, 18, 20, 22, all fine	3.75
	HANOVER	
95	1850-51, Nos. 1, 5, 6 fine, scarce	4.25
96	1856, 1/30, 1/15, 1/10th scarce set	3.10
97	1859-61, ½gr, sl. tear at bottom	4.00
98	1, 2, 3, 3g fine, scarce	3.22
99	**10gr green, fine margins, 3 side, close at right but design intact, fine and rare**	**20.00**
100	*1864, 3p green, very good	2.00
101	1, 2, 3g, fine, scarce	2.62
	LUBECK	
102	*1859-61, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 4s, fine set	3.35
103	1863-65, ½s green, nice copy	2.00
104	another, different shade	2.00
105 *	1¼, 1½, 2½, 4s, fine	5.00
	MECKLENBURG-SCHWERIN.	
106	1856, 5s blue, close margins	6.00
107	*1864, 4-4s, red, o. g., fine	1.25
108 *	5s brown, tear repaired	5.00
109	*1866, 3s orange-yellow, o. g., sup.	1.50
	MECKLENBURG STRELITZ	
110	*1864, ¼s orange, o. g., superb	3.25
111 *	½s green, very nice	2.00
112 *	1, 2, 3s Nos. 4, 5, 6	4.35
	OLDENBURG	
113	*1862, ⅓, ½, 1, 2, 3s, very fine set	2.80
114 *	another set (the 3s is used)	3.55
	PRUSSIA	
115	*1867, 2, 3, 6, 9kr, very fine set	3.25
	SAXONY	
116	1851, ½, 1, 2, 2, 3 n. g., fine set	2.88
117	1855, 10 n. g., blue, nice copy	8.00
	SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	
118	*1865, ½ and 1½s, fine	3.50
119 *	4s bistre No. 7, o. g., fine	3.00
120	1864-65, 4s bistre No. 14, superb	1.25
	WURTEMBERG	
121	1851, 1, 3, 9kr, all fine	1.33
122	1858, 1 and 6kr, both fine	2.00
	ITALY	
123	1869-74, 1c No. 253a, **inverted figure of value**, 2 corner perfs. have been restored, rare	7.50
	LUXEMBURG	
124	1852, 10c and 1sg, Nos. 1 & 2, fine	1.65
	MODENA	
125	*1852, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40c (2 used), fine	1.85
	NETHERLANDS	
126	*1891 3c to 50c inc., fine, o.g., set	3.28
	CURACAO	
127	*1873, 3c bistre, very fine	2.50
128	*1903-08, 1c to 2½gld. inc., superb set, (face $2.34)	4.36
	PARMA	
129	1852, 5, 10, 15, 25c fine, scarce	3.55
	POLAND	
130	1860, 10kr No. 1, fine	2.50
	RUSSIA	
131	*1882-89, 7,14,35,50k&1r, o. g., fine	3.35
132	1903(Levant), 10pi No. 36, **on cover**	(?)
	SAN MARINO	
133	1877, 10, 20, 30, 40c, fine set	4.23
	SWITZERLAND	
134	1850, 5r No. 22, superb	1.50
135	10 and 15r Nos. 23,23b,26, fine	1.35
136	1852, 15r No. 27, superb	3.00
137	1855-56, 5r to 1fr, very fine set	3.65
138	*1908, 2, 5, 10, 25c mint **tete-beche pairs**	(1.40)

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139	1851, 1c to 9c(7 var.),fine & scarce	5.00
140	1853, 1c to 9c(5 var.),fine & scarce	4.00
141	1q black(No. 17),fine & scarce	3.50
142	1860, 1c to 40c(6 var.)fine & scarce	5.20
143	80c No. 29, repaired, looks fine	3.50
	TWO SICILIES	
144	1858, 20g pale lake	3.00
145	1859, 1g olive brown, fine	4.00
	AZORES	
146	*1910, **10r black (error)** o. g., sl. defect in top margin, repaired	(?)
	EGYPT	
147	1906-11, 5pi No. 820, superb	5.00
	SAMOA	
148	*1893, ½p to 2½sh mint (face 1.32)	2.80
	TURKEY	
149	*1892, 1, 2, 5pi o. g., fine	1.67
	GT. BRITAIN	
150	1840, 1p black, 2p blue, superb	1.85
151	1847, 1sh green, fine **on entire cover**	1.50
152	1883, 9p green No. 106, scarce	2.50
153	1883-84, 2½, 5, 10sh (Queen) fine	2.28
154	2½, 5sh (Queen); 2½, 5sh King, fine	1.43
155	*1887-92, ½p to 1sh (Queen) fine o. g., set	3.19
156	*1901-02, ½p to 1sh (King) fine o. g., set	3.27
157	(Levant) Nos. 1110(pair),3,4,**on cov.**	1.16
158	12pi No. 111d, superb	1.25
	ANTIGUA	
159	*1873, 1p vermilion, fine	4.00
160	1873-82, 6p Nos. 4, 7, 11, 16, fine lot	5.50
161	1882-85, 2½ & 4p, Nos. 14,15, fine	2.25
	BAHAMAS	
162	*1862-67, 1p No. 13, fine	3.00
163	1882, 4p No. 21, fine	3.50
	BARBADOS	
164	*1852, 1p No. 2, o. g., perfection	2.50
165	1p, No. 6, perfection	1.25
166	1875-78, ½, 1, 4, 6p, nice set	2.45
167	3p violet, very fine	2.50
168 *	½p green, 1p ultra., o.g. fine	2.10
169 *	6p chrome yellow, o.g. perfec.	2.50
170 *	1sh purple, o. g. perfection	3.50
171	*1882-85, 3p lilac, o. g. perfection	2.50
172	*1892, ½p No. 69 & 69a, in **hor. pair**	1.85
173	1897, 2½sh superb, scarce	3.50
174	1904-05, 2½sh No. 99, o. g., scarce	2.50
	BRITISH BECHUANALAND	
175	1886, 4p blue No. 1, fine	2.00
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176	1866-67, 3p and 2c Nos. 7, 8, aver.	4.25
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177	1862, 12c lilac No. 27, fine	2.50
178	1866, 4,8,12c Nos. 52-3-4, fine	4.75
179	1875, 24c green No. 71, scarce	5.00
180	1876, 1, 2, 4, 8, 12, 24c, fine set	2.42
181	*1881, 1c Nos. 92, 93, both o.g. fine	2.75
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182	*1888, 50c No. 31, o. g., fine	3.00
183	*1891-95, 2c to 24c (7 var.)o.g., fine	2.93
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184	1851, **3p No. 1, fine hor. pair**	**5.00**
185	1852, 3p No. 4, fine horiz. pair	1.20
186	1859, 10c Nos. 16 and 16a, fine	2.00
187	**10c black-brown**, perfs. touch right, **very fine and rare**	**15.00**
188	1868, ½c-15c, fine set, scarce	3.15
189	*1897, ½c-$1.00 incl., o.g. fine set	7.65
190	$2.00 purple, fine	1.50
191	$4.00 purple, fine	3.50
192	$5.00 olive green, perfection	4.00
193	*1908, ½c to 20c comp., o. g. fine	1.76
194	*12 var., in **mint blocks of 4**	3.76
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260	Bosnia, 42 var. (6 new) inc. Nos. 20 and 24	6.25
261	*Danish W. Indies, 23 var., fine	12.37
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263	*Fernando Poo, 15 var., (2 used)	7.78
264	Finland 28 var., fine lot	8.70
265	France,29 var.,imperf.issues only,fine	14.52
266	71 var. (6 new)	10.35
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268	43 var. early issues, many sl. def.	8.84
269	(Colonies) 45 var., fine lot	6.85
270	Germany (T.&T.) 27 var. (12 new)	6.56
271	77 var. (16 new)	6.08
272	Baden, 12 var. (3 new)	5.27
273	Bavaria, 20 var. (1 new)	4.64
274	Hanover, 11 var., scarce	8.70
275	Prussia, 25 var., very fine	11.48
276	Saxony, 19 var., fine lot	9.79
277	German States, 44 var. (7 new)	8.31
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By BILL BLOSS.

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The new issues of British Colonials are almost sure to increase rapidly in value. Very few remainders have been put upon the market by any of the colonies. The Edwardian issues have proven to be excellent purchases at the new issue rates. The Colonial Color Scheme sets of the Edwardian stamps have already started to climb upward in the catalogue, and in some instances, they will not stop until they have reached heights too dizzy for the average collector. The 5 shilling Gold Coast King Edward, issued in the new color scheme, was distributed less than two years ago at new issue rates of $1.37 to $1.50. To-day this stamp brings $12.50 to $15.00, and is very scarce at that.

Even the Georgian issues have increased considerably in some instances. The stamps with white backs, or rather, on surface colored paper, are beginning to show signs of becoming obsolete, and hence, will soon increase at a speed depending upon the demands of collectors, and judging from the demand for stamps with slight differences in watermark and varieties of less importance than these "white backs," they will bring some very fancy prices in some cases. British Colonials have an established face value. The increases in value have so far exceeded losses by demonetization, or disposal of remainders, that the objections can scarcely be noticed.

Buying the new issues of other countries, however, is quite another story. The South American and Southern European countries are not, as a rule, good purchases on a face value basis, for the reason that as fast as a new set is issued (which is sometimes once or twice a year) the old series is made invalid for postal use, is cancelled-to-order, or even sold unused, and the high values are worth but a few cents more than the lowest value. The Portuguese Colonials have appreciated in value to quite an extent in many instances, but on the other hand, include a host of speculative sets issued to separate the easy philatelist from his good money, and as it is the habit of the money-loving Portuguese to use up every remainder by applying a new surcharge, or by cancelling whole issues to order, one can never tell when that government will decide to dispose of the remainders without treating them to a new value, thus saving the additional cost of printing, but hitting the fellow who bought them at their face value.

The French Colonials are clean in general, but quantities are sold from Paris to collectors, so they are easy to obtain, and as they usually remain in issue several years, do not seem to increase in value. Up to the present time, however, these stamps have been priced at a very low per cent. over face in the catalogue, making it unprofitable for the dealer to stock them, and hence they are not common in this country.

The Northern European countries are stable in their financial foundations, and can afford to look beyond the stamp collector to support their postal systems, so their issues do not depreciate, and almost always increase in value. Of course, in most of the countries philately is well represented, and more of the stamps are purchased and stocked than in the small out-of-the-way places. Even at that, though, fine copies, with gum, of these countries sell readily.

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Heretofore, I have treated this subject from a financial standpoint. From the point of view of the collector who has the money to purchase stamps without regard to their financial standing (and he is a very scarce and desirable person for the dealer to do business with) I would say collect everything. The man who first said "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush" was the ancestor of the first Nicaraguan specialist, and had reference to certain surcharges of that country. If a collector can afford to buy everything that comes his way, by all means let him pursue the new issue in all its branches. He will find it far easier to buy his stamps as they appear, than to attempt to complete his countries long after the stamps are obsolete. Unfortunately for him, however, the new issue service has never been established which can supply every stamp issued. He will always have a few provisionals to look for. Usually the scarcest ones, too, are the ones left out. Also, a collection of new unused stamps cannot be surpassed for beauty. The writer has seen collections of as many as ten thousand varieties of twentieth century stamps unused, and always feels like burning his own collection after seeing one of these "new issue" collections.

To summarize the above, if the collector buys "new issue" British Colonials, and uses discretion in buying the other countries, he cannot "go wrong." If the collector intends to collect unused stamps, surely the time to buy them is when they are current, and just come out.

The new issue question as it confronts the dealer must be handled differently. Whether or not the dealer can carry new issues in stock at a profit depends largely upon the class of trade he caters to. If he sells only to the beginner or does "kid" business, he cannot readily dispose of new issues, excepting the very low values, which sell very easily. If he sells to the advanced collector, he must carry new issues, and as nearly a complete line as possible, in order to supply all wants. The question of new issues must be decided by every dealer for himself, as no fixed rule can be laid down. Success in handling any line, stamps or merchandise, depends upon the selling of that line.

In the stamp business, the writer is of the opinion that success lies in keeping stock moving, rather than buying and holding for speculation. The looked for increase may be slow in coming, resulting in loss of interest on the capital involved, as well as loss of profits on sales of stock which could have been turned over many times. Of course, face value stamps are an almost certain security, and can command more of a fixed price than odd lots or collections of stamps based on catalogue. These latter must bring what the buyer chooses to give for them, as they have no real value aside from a philatelic sense. The face value stamp represents money invested, and if it is still in use, can be collected on at or near its face value by the holder. Therefore, the dealer who stocks new issues is assured of a loss of not much more than the per cent. he paid over face in the event that he be forced to dispose of them at a forced sale.

For the benefit of the new dealer who lacks experience with new issues, however, let me caution him to "go easy" and not to buy every lot that is offered him. Lots of odd values, and broken sets, do not sell readily at retail, and are equally hard to dispose of at wholesale. The writer was "caught" with quite a lot of miscellaneous new issues at one time, and after placing them before half a dozen of the large dealers and being advised "that they had too many lots like that already" was forced to dispose of them at nearly twenty per cent. less than face value.

By careful study and judicious buying, new issues may be laid away for a rise, and a handsome profit realized from them. ALL stamps do not increase soon enough to pay to hold them. The secret lies in picking the stamps that are bound to jump up. By carefully studying the past issues, the saleability of the country, and the characteristic of the new stamp, the dealer soon learns what to hold and what to turn at once. In the case of the 4d Jamaica, black on yellow, the writer reasoned that as the colonial color scheme called for black *and red* on yellow, this stamp might be recalled at any time. Also, Jamaica is a good country to stock up on. Accordingly, when the 4d stamp was changed suddenly, the writer was able to realize 75c each for one hundred copies of a stamp that cost him 10c each not many months before. In speculating in British Colonials, the dealer finds it a one-sided gamble in his favor. If he buys at or near face, he cannot lose, and may win.

For the specialist who stocks only a few countries, it is necessary that he carry all issues of that country in stock, and accordingly, he should invest in enough new issues to last him for some time.

New issues, like every other branch of the stamp business, must be stocked carefully. Under the new issue service system, it is necessary to buy all stamps. All new issues are saleable at time of issue, and the wise dealer sells them at that time at a profit, laying away only such surplus as he thinks may increase for some reason, or as he thinks necessary to keep his stock in shape. A good rule to follow is the one used by the large merchants throughout the country.

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DEALERS' APPROVAL SHEET RECORD.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

The matter of keeping a record of approval books and sheets was one which gave me no little concern when I first started in dealing in postage stamps in a small way. Being on the road often at that time, I had opportunity to investigate the systems of a number of dealers—both large and small. I am free to confess that none of their methods especially appealed to me, so it "was up to me" to evolve a system of my own which would prove satisfactory.

There were several requirements which were to be met before it could be said to be a satisfactory system of record keeping:

It must be so simple that no added help would be required.

It must be accurate, to prevent mistakes in charging up the value of the stamps sent out.

It must be so arranged that any desired line of stamps could be quickly located and sent out to applicants, or to show approximately when the stamps would be returned from holder, so that applicant could be promised when a book would reach him.

It must absolutely prevent duplication, or sending the same book or sheet a second time to the customer.

It must bear a check-list of stamps, if they are of considerable value, so that one could always know every stamp remaining in the book. This information is of inestimable value in case claim is made for losses.

In meeting every requirement outlined above, any other system than that of card index could not be thought of. A small filing case was obtained. It held 500 cards 3x5 inches, "Library" ruled. These can be obtained from any dealer in filing devices. A red ruling crosses the card near the top, about 1/3d of an inch from the top. The balance of the card is ruled with faint blue lines horizontally. A vertical line about 5/8ths of an inch is at each side of the card. These I prefer to file by consecutive number, rather than by letter or customer.

I prefer mounting stamps in books, rather than on sheets, and have only a few of the latter. Each book is numbered, consecutively, with a brief description of the kind of stamps contained in the book, with lowest and highest catalogue number. The value of the book is marked in the upper right hand corner.

Now I am ready to enter the books on the cards, for record. At the left upper corner I write the number of the book. Along the red line the description of stamps contained therein. In the upper right hand corner is the value—net or gross.

If the stamps have considerable value I turn the card over and write the catalogue numbers of the stamps the book contains, placing a star in front of the number of a stamp if unused and o. g. If unused, and without gum, an asterisk takes the place of the star.

I try, as much as possible to keep stamps of a line together—used in books by themselves; unused same; cancellations, strips, pairs, blocks, departments, revenues, part perforates, book leaves, etc., so that customers who submit their preferences will not receive something they are not interested in. The regular issues start with a certain number, easily remembered; departments with another, revenues still another, and so on through the list. If I handled a general line of stamps, including foreign, I should use letters as well as figures.

When a request is received for certain things in stamps, the right book can usually be easily located, as they are kept in compartments to separate the lists.

The book is taken from stock, and the card which identifies it is removed from the file. Then I write, first the date sent; on the same line the name and address of the customer, a letter "R" if registered; "I" if insured, and both letters if registered and insured. If this is the first time the book has been out no further entry on the card is necessary.

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When a book is returned the sales are checked with the amount remitted. If it is correct, the amount is entered on the card along side the name, and another book is mailed, if the buyer wishes, or a reminder is put upon the calendar pad some days ahead when a certain book ought to be free. In the later case when a book is out, and a customer wants that particular book, I slip a paper clip over the top of the card bearing the same number, and this tells me, when the book is returned that someone desires to see it.

After the book is returned from its first trip, the amount of sales is, as was previously stated, entered upon the same line as the name of the collector to whom it was sent. This amount is subtracted from the total value and the remainder is entered directly under the amount shown at right hand corner of the card. In this way the net value of stamps contained in the book is always ready to accompany the book; the amount of sales just preceding it shows when added just how much has been taken from the book when it is ready to be retired and broken up.

This system absolutely prevents a collector receiving the same book a second time, unless he may ask for it.

In the case of very valuable stamps, as soon as the book is returned I check off on the list on back of card the stamps removed. This always shows me what stamps are still contained in the book.

This is a very simple and easy system of record keeping, and one which will, I believe, appeal to the small dealer whose time is limited, and who depends upon his own efforts to please his customers, and still keep his accounts clear. There is very little opportunity to make mistakes, and the small dealer's protection is always the best.

BOOKLET PANES.

By H. M. SOUTHGATE.

I have been very much interested in Mr. Wiley's article on booklet panes and booklets, recently brought out in the WEEKLY, and believe that it will be of much value in stimulating interest in this branch of our own issues. Surely no specialized collection is complete without these booklets, their covers and guide line panes.

Mr. Wiley has stated that the 1898 issue of booklet panes was printed from sheets of 180 subjects. While this is undoubtedly so, I believe that there is evidence to show that sheets of some other number, possibly 360 subjects, were used in the first issues.

In my collection I have copies, both plain and surcharged Philippines which show a guide line running across the top or binding margin, not at a point of division between panes as in the present sheets but about half way between the perforations and the top of the pane. One copy I have shows as well the arrow at the left hand end of this guide line, the intersection of the arrow lines being in a line with the extension of the side of the stamps below.

These panes are in a deep carmine color while the panes with the guide line running through the pane are a decidedly paler shade or washed out color. My specimens with this latter guide line come from the group of plates number 1324-1327, the last series of the '98 issue.

I do not know if from this any deductions of value may be drawn but it looks as though at least two different plate groupings were made and that the last series of plates were 180 subject plates.

As a collector I would not quarrel with Mr. Wiley's present average quotations for these panes. I will be glad to pay double the price he suggests for many, the 2 cent 1902 flag type with plate number for example. The question of price will work itself out doubtless to the satisfaction of all.

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I offer to general collectors and dealers a nice line of foreign stamps on approval at 70% discount. All my stamps are offered at 70% discount and my stock is large enough and of sufficient variety to enable me to send selections as long as anyone wishes to continue the correspondence. I have no stamps to offer at a less discount. All stamps are priced according to the latest standard catalogue, and are guaranteed genuine. I send selections on approval to any collector or dealer furnishing satisfactory references or a cash deposit. I send selections on these terms to all parts of the world. My sheets are used by a great many dealers whose stocks are not large enough to enable them to fill all of their approval orders. A reasonable amount of credit will be given to any dealer (or collector) who furnishes satisfactory references so that the stamps can be paid for after they have been sold.

It will pay anyone who can use general selections of foreign stamps to give my approvals a trial. My sheets are intended for collectors having 10,000 varieties or less, but collectors with as high as 15,000 varieties have frequently found a great many stamps that are needed.

PRECANCELS

I offer a miscellaneous assortment of the low values of stamps precancelled at ½c each. I have very few of the higher values, but I can offer a few $1 stamps of the issues of 1902, 1909, and 1912 at 22c each and the 50 cent of the 1909 issue at 12c. All four are precancelled "Philadelphia, Pa." and will be sold for 70 cents postpaid, if ordered at one time.

WHOLESALE LOTS

100 Netherlands 1899, 1c red (Scott's No. 72), cat. 1c	.04
100 Netherlands 1899, 2c yellow brown (Scott's No. 73)	.06
100 Netherlands 1899, 2½c deep green (Scott's No. 74)	.04
100 Netherlands 1899, 5c carmine rose (Scott's No. 76)	.04
100 Netherlands 1899, 10c gray lilac (Scott's No. 78)	.04
100 Netherlands 1899, 20c yellow green (Scott's No. 81), cat. 2c	.15
100 Netherlands 1899, 25c carmine & blue (Scott's No. 83), cat. 1c	.10
100 Netherlands 1899, 50c bronze green & red brown, (Scott's No. 89), cat. 2c	.20
100 Netherlands 1898, 1 gulden dark green (Scott's No. 70) cat. 4c	.60
*10 Phil. Isls. Aguinaldo issue, 1 mil black, perforated, cat. 50c each	.25
*10 Phil. Isls. Aguinaldo issue, 1 mil black, imperforate cat. 8c each	.05
*10 Phil. Isls. Aguinaldo issue 2c rose cat. 3c each	.03

MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES, ETC.

1000 Peerless Peelable Stamp Hinges	.08
100 Blank approval sheets, holding 20 stamps (50 of above, 15c)	.25

A small lot of Foreign Revenues on approval at ½c each.

A small lot of unused British Colonial Postal cards at 70% discount from Bright's cat.

1000 mixed stamps	.08

All wholesale lots, hinges, sheets, etc., will be sent postpaid at above prices. Small orders should be accompanied by cash, but large orders will be sent on approval against references. Money refunded on anything returned for any cause, or if goods ordered are out of stock. I am sure, however, that I have enough of above to fill all orders, excepting the wholesale lots of which I have only a limited supply.

In conclusion I wish to impress upon the readers of this advertisement the fact that I have been dealing in stamps since 1899 and have accumulated a large stock of stamps, all of which, with the exception of the precancelled stamps, I am offering to collectors and dealers at 70% discount from current catalogue prices. My stamps are all in good condition and guaranteed genuine. I am offering a genuine bargain and I will ask for an order from every general collector with less than 15,000 varieties, and from every dealer who can use general selections in his trade.

Everything offered in this advertisement will be sent on approval to anyone who furnishes satisfactory references, or a cash deposit. As to my own reliability I refer my prospective clients to the Hanover Savings Fund Society, Hanover, Penna. Further, I am a member of the American Philatelic Society (No. 4076), Southern Philatelic Association (No. 117) and The Philadelphia Stamp Club (No. 156). I devote all my time to the stamp business, which insures prompt attention to all orders.

J. EMORY RENOLL, HANOVER, PENNA.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

SHOULD A DEALER SPECIALIZE?

By WENDOVER NEEFUS.

I believe there are four major conditions that enter into the solution of this question. I place dealers into four classes the conditions of which influence and probably control the business they do. These classes are as follows:

(1) The dealer with large and ample capital.

(2) The dealer with limited capital.

(3) The dealer in a large city with its counter trade.

(4) The dealer in a small city with only a mail trade.

There can be no question raised to the statement that a dealer who specializes can carry a more complete stock on a smaller capital than the one who does a general business.

The dealer in a large city has his chance at the counter trade and I believe the counter trade is a very paying one. I know of some dealers who do wonderful businesses in counter trade only. Many collectors are critical in making purchases* and want the chance of looking over the stamps they desire and will not consent to approval selections. The city dealer gets their trade and it's ofttimes big trade, too.

The dealer without ample capital has no business to open an office in a large city. Competition from other dealers is too keen. The counter trade wants general lines. The dealer with a capital pleases the collector specialists with a large stock of most any country. Thus a specialist dealer in a large city has a very limited field to draw from and his office and other expenses are heavy and equal to those of his competitors who are able to carry general lines.

For the dealer with ample capital, but located in a small city, the proposition is a hard one. He may gather a wonderful stock but he has no chance at the counter trade and its many big sales. After he has built his mail business to the point of requiring clerks, he will find it a hard proposition to secure competent ones at figures within his means. In the large cities competent clerks are paid good wages but the counter trade supports it.

The limit of business possible for a dealer with limited capital and living in a small city is necessarily low. He seldom gets the big trade with its large and profitable sales, as he has not the stock to cater to it. The big trade goes where it can get what it wants when it wants it; so he has to confine his business to the smaller trade and he can never realize what it means to make a really big sale.

My conclusion in the matter of specialism among dealers is based on quite a number of years of experience and a great deal of analytical thought. Dealers with good counter trades should not specialize, for the counter trade is too valuable an asset to limit by lines of specialism. Counter trade calls for a large, general stock and that requires a large and ample capital. That disposes of the large city dealer entirely, for there is no room in such a city for a specialist, either through personal interest or through lack of capital. The dealer in a small city must choose his own way. His only chance is with the mail business, whether he has an ample or a limited capital. Even with a large, general stock, it is hard to get the big trade, unless he has some particular argument for getting it and I believe that specialism is such an argument. With an argument such as dealing exclusively in the country in which a collector is specializing, the dealer is apt to get at some of the big trade.

In concluding my argument, let me say that a specialistic business takes a great deal more time, patience and expense to build up than a general business, but I believe the trade is more permanent, as the collector who gets to specializing is usually a true and constant collector and consequently a constant buyer of anything he needs. Neither time, stock, patience nor expense is what really makes a business, for in addition to those necessities comes good judgment, honest dealings and broad business principles. Each dealer has a personality that will control his success, whether he chooses the general or the specialistic field, and I know of no way of testing his possible success better than to try both fields, each for a reasonable time.

AGAINST SAN FRANCISCO!

By C. V. WEBB.

I do not favor San Francisco as the 1915 convention seat of the A. P. S. for the following reasons:

First, San Francisco is not easily accessible to the great majority of members. The members of the A. P. S. live principally in the East. San Francisco is far from being centrally located.

Second, Our Convention in San Francisco would receive scant courtesy by the public in general. Already two hundred and twenty-six societies have decided to meet in San Francisco in 1915. Our convention would be an insignificant one among many.

Third, the convention would be held in the absence of a great many of the leading men in the East who are almost a necessity to a convention of the A. P. S. and who have shaped its destinies rightly for years. A trip to San Francisco would occupy more time than the average member in the East could spare from his business.

Fourth, Attractions outside of the program would make the attendance at the business sessions far from what they should be in accordance with the number actually registering as present.

OUR PREMIUM OFFERS

If your name has never been on our mailing list or you can get a name new to our mailing list you may have one of the following premiums.

10 weeks 10c and Your Choice

Austria '08 Jub. 1h to 2kr, 15 vars.... catalog .22
Leaflet describing and illus. U. S. env. 1853-1910.
Packet of 50 different U. S. Stamps.
Hayti 1904, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.....catalog .48
***Panama**, No. 79, 10c yellow..... " .20
Denmark 1907, 1o to 1k, 8 var., "Avisporto"
Philippines, 3 Aguinaldos, cat. 61c, also 2 tel.

6 Mos. 25c and Your Choice

Asiatic packet, 50 all different.
Animal packet 20 all different, some unused.
New Zealand, 20 all different.
Canada 25 all different, many issues.
Persia set, 20 all different.
***Seychelles** 1892, 3 on 4c..... ..... catalog .18
Chile '92, 15c, 25c, 1p,..... " .23
Guatemala '02, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10c..... " .13
Toppan's great book on U. S. Stamps.
***Panama**, Nos. 181-2-3-4..... " .93
Japan 1908, 5 yen green. " .35
Tunis 1906, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35c.... " .29
***Costa Rica** '89, 1c to 1p..... " .27
***Hayti** '98, Unp. 2, 5, 10c..... " .22
1896, 1, 3, 5, 7, 20c palms..... " .31
205 all different foreign stamps.
105 " " U. S. Stamps.
***Arequipa** '81, 10c (No. 7)..... " .35
***Salvador** '97, 1c, 5c four colors..... " .18
* " '93, 2p, 5p..... " .24
Nice Stamp Album holds 546 stamps.
***Nicaragua** '69, 5c black..... " .75
***Honduras** '78-'89, 1c, ½r, 1r, 2r, 1p.. " .29
Siam 1910, 2 to 28 satangs..... " .46
No. Borneo 1909, 1 to 6c picture stamps.

1 Year 50c and Your Choice

Japan 1908, 10 yen violet..... catalog .40
Any one of the Melville, Poole or Armstrong Books advertised by us.
300 all diff. foreign. A nice collection.
***Antigua** 1882, 1p, 1886, 2½p, 4p..... catalog .55
***St. Christopher** 1882, ½, 1, 4p..... " .38
***Col. Repub.** (Medellin) '02, 10c, 20c, 50c " 1.08
Paraguay set of 15 different stamps.
France, 50 different, nice collection.
***Bolivar** 1879, 5c imperf. pair..... .50
Labuan '97, 1c to 24c, 9 var..... " .89
No. Borneo '94, 1c to 24c, 9 var..... " .93
" '97, 1c to 24c, 9 var..... " .60
***Salvador** 1911 Oficial. Nos. 793-800.. " .89
Two Thousand Peelable Stamp Hinges.

Please Note.—When you have had the WEEKLY ten weeks, six months, or a year, don't try to pull a premium when you send a renewal. Our premiums are intended to get new names for our mailing list and if your name has ever been on our mailing list, these offers are not for you!

Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Co., Boston, Mass.

3rd Mail Auction June 17

COVERT STAMP COMPANY
708 Ellwanger & Barry Bldg., Rochester, N.Y.

All stamps in good condition unless otherwise stated. Usual auction rules.

1	U. S. Postage 1867, 3c grill 13x16, creased right side	$6.00
2	3c grill 12x14, thin spot left side	2.50
3	15c grill 11x13 centered right..	3.00
4	1869, 10c un'd,centered,small tear left	7.50
5	15c picture framed	1.50
6	1871, 24c purple	1.50
7	90c carm., lower left corner cut	1.50
8	1879, 90c carmine	2.00
9	1894, 50c orange, mint	2.00
10	1898,$1 Mississippi, upper r. corn. cut	2.00
11	1902, 50c orange, mint block four..	4.00
12	2c Agriculture, unused, o. g.	1.00
13	3, 6c Agriculture, unused, o. g.	2.00
14	Rev. Imp., 15, 20c Inland Exchange, 20c Foreign Exchange, fine..	2.25
15	50c Passage Ticket	5.00
16	50c Life Insurance	2.50
17	50c Lease	1.50
18	$1.00 Lease	2.00
19	$1.00 Manifest	1.50
20	$1.00 Mortgage	1.50
21	$2.00 Mortgage	2.50
22	$5.00 Mortgage	3.50
23	Rev. Perf. $10.00 Conveyance	2.00
24	Proprietary 5c green & black(violet)	3.00
25	Antigua 1886, 4p brown orange, mint block	1.00
26	Dominica No.102, 6p green, mint pr.	1.50
27	Dom. Republic,20 var.,nice collection	1.88
28	Ecuador, 56 var., nice collection....	8.30
29	35 var., different from last.....	7.88
30	Hawaii 1864, *1, 2, 5, *6, *18c fine lot	2.50
31	1893, 12 var., unused, one used..	3.88
32	1893, 10c black, brown, & vermilion, all mint	1.20
33	12c red lilac, red surch. mint..	5.00
34	1896, Official set, mint	5.60
35	Hayti, 32 var., 17 unused	3.00
36	1902, 1c-50c, 12 var., mint	2.54
37	Another set 1c-10c, 11 var., mint.	1.54
38	1898, 1c ultra., 3c violet, mint....	1.75
39	Hong K. 1862,12c blue No.3 unwmkd	1.00
40	1863, 2, 4, 6, 8c, Crown CC.....	1.75
41	30c vermilion, 30c violet, heavily cancelled	1.00
42	48c rose	1.00
43	96c gray	1.00
44	1876, 5c on 18c violet	1.50
45	5c on 8c orange	3.00
46	10c on 12c blue	1.25
47	10c on 24c green	1.25
48	28c on 30c violet	1.75
49	1880, 48c brown	2.00
50	1885,20c on 30c,50c on 48c,both fine	1.50
51	$1.00 on 96c olive gray	1.25
52	18 var., fine collection	3.14
53	Japan, 40 var., 6 unused	1.47
54	1899, 5r-1y, 13 var., mint, 1y used	1.73
55	Japan China 1900,½s-1y mint,3 used	1.62
56	Mexico 1856, 2r blue green	1.25
57	4r red	2.00
58	1864, 1r ultramarine No.22d,mint, unpriced	?
59	1868, 12c green, mint	1.25
60	Same block four, mint	5.00
61	1884, 1c green, imperf. pair, mint	?
62	10c grn. imperf. mint, large mar.	?
63	1899, 5p carmine & black,very fine	1.25
64	Netherlands 1899,½c-1g,17 var.,mint	2.37
65	2½g brown lilac, mint	1.50
66	5g claret, mint	3.00
67	New Zealand 1863, 2p blue No. 24, very fine	1.00
68	3, 6p, very fine, worth full cat.	1.60
69	1872, 2p orange No. 45, very fine	1.00
70	1898, 5p violet brown, unused o.g., small tear left	3.50
71	Peru 1860, 1p rose No. 11	1.25
72	1881, 2c rose and blue, unused....	2.00
73	1883,1c green,red & black sur.No.80	1.00
74	2c rose No. 81	1.00
75	1894,10c grn.,head inv'd, fine used	3.50
76	62 var. fine collection, used & un'd	7.27
77	1902 Deficit, 1c on 10c violet,mint	1.25
78	Philippines 1854, 1r slate	12.50
79	1859, 5c vermilion, unused fine...	2.50
80	1870, 20c brown	4.00
81	1878, 100m carmine, small tear upper left corner	6.50
82	1881-8,2 4/8 on 50m bistre No.110	1.25
83	1890, 20c rose, un'd o.g., cent'd right	2.50
84	Porto Rico 1898, 1m-60c, 13 var., unused o. g.	1.69
85	Portuguese Col. A-M, 18 var.,11 un'd	3.21
86	Mozambique & Co., 19 var., 3 un'd	2.40
87	N-Z, 62 var., 8 unused	2.51
88	Rhodesia 1896, 2sh blue & grn.,mint	1.00
89	1896, 3sh green & violet, mint....	1.25
90	1896, 4sh red and blue, mint.....	1.65
91	Trinidad 1859, 1p rose red, No. 22..	8.50
92	12 var., nice collection	1.34
93	1885, Post. Due,1,2,3,4,5p, fine lot	1.43
94	Uruguay 1881-3, 5 var., 2 unused...	2.35
95	1894, 25c vermilion, mint	3.00
96	1895, 20c green & black, un'd fine	1.25
97	1895, 25c brown & black, un'd fine	1.50
98	1897, 2p bistre & carm., fine used	1.00
99	21 var., 7 mint, fine lot	2.24
100	1910-12, 5m-23c & official,12 var.	2.02
101	Wurtemburg 1875, 2m black and orange, mint	1.25

WHOLESALE.

102	Austria 1900, 1h-2k, 14 var., 15 sets	3.45
103	1908, 1h-2k, 15 var., 15 sets....	3.30
104	Belgium P. P., 50,60,70,80c, 25 sets	2.00
105	Bolivia 1894, 1c-100c, 7 var.,15 sets	3.15
106	Bosnia 1906, 5, 10h, 30 each	1.50
107	Chile 1904, 1, 5, 10c, 15 sets	2.70
108	3c on 1p brown, mint (15)	1.50
109	Costa Rica 1903,25c lilac & brn.(10)	1.80
110	Curacao 1889,1c-5c,5 var.,mint,10 sets	2.10
111	1892, 10, 12½, 15c mint, 5 sets..	1.85
112	Greece 1891,2l bistre No.108,mint(25)	2.00
113	Guatemala 1882, 20c yellow & green mint (15)..	1.50
114	1897, 2c greenish gray, mint (50)	2.00
115	1902, 1c-20c, 6 var., 25 sets	4.25
116	1902, 50c brown & blue (25)....	1.50
117	1910, 6c bistre & indigo (50)...	1.50
118	Hong Kong 1882, 10c green (25)..	2.00
119	Japan 1883, 1 yen (25)	1.25
120	1899 1 yen (25)	1.25
121	Japan China 1900, 5 sen brown(25)	1.25
122	1900, 1 yen (25)	2.50
123	Luxemburg 1882, 1, 2, 5, 10c,25 sets	2.00
124	Mexico 1899, 1c-1p, 9 var., 5 sets..	3.25
125	1900, 1c-1p, 10 var., 5 sets	5.00
126	Montenegro 1896, 1n-10n, 5 var., mint, 10 sets	2.50
127	Peru Post. Due 1874, 1c bistre(25)	1.25
128	1874, 5c vermilion, mint (25)....	1.50
129	1897, 50c red (5)	2.50
130	1899, 5c on 10s, mint (5)	3.25
131	1899, 1c on 10s, mint (5)	6.25
132	Uruguay 1900, 5c dull blue (50)..	1.00
133	1910, 5c dark blue (25)	2.50
134	Venezuela 1896, 5c-1b, 5 var.,mint, 10 sets	1.70

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

A SIMPLE ARRANGEMENT OF STOCK.

By THORN SMITH.

The beginning dealer had much better put his money into actual stock than in elaborate furnishings but whatever scheme is adopted, compactness and accessibility should be made paramount. A system should be used whereby he knows where to put his hand on a want or easily learn whether he has a certain stamp in stock. Even the small dealer can waste half his time trying to locate a stamp which he knows is somewheres in stock. Other information that should be just as available is the cost of each lot and the approximate number in stock as well as the catalogue number and price.

The writer has been a "spare time" dealer for the past five years and during all of that time has endeavored to simplify his system. He has tried all manner of schemes so that even now he has stock in envelopes, in boxes, and in stock books. This state of affairs is being remedied as rapidly as *disposition* permits. In his opinion the envelope system, in spite of the statements frequently made that it is becoming obsolete, is the best method of disposing of a stock be it large or small providing that the right kind of envelope is used.

The actual working of the scheme now in use is as follows: Pine lumber 6 inches wide by ⅜ of an inch thick was obtained and a compartment case without a back made. To be brief it looks like the call boxes in a Post Office. Each compartment is 3½ inches high by about the same width and of course 6 inches deep. It is entirely home made, not from necessity but more for the purpose of discovering what a saw and hammer in the hands of a novice could do in a short time. It is placed directly against the wall on a shelf two feet above the floor and occupies a space of about 5 feet by 6. It is stained a cherry red.

The capacity without crowding is over 600,000 stamps. The first stamps to go into the case are those of Argentine, then Austria, etc. A label is pasted just below each compartment. Some countries require several compartments which is allowed for by a knowledge of the stock on hand.

The envelope used is 3 by 4⅞ inches, a stock size of good stiff manila and opens on the end. The price is 60 cents per 1,000. The cost is so low that it is advisable to use one where but five or ten stamps of a kind are in stock. Each envelope holds up to 200 copies without crowding or bulging. On the outside is made a memorandum of the country, the catalogue number and price, also the number bought and the cost. The latter is better keyed, thus

VANDERBILT
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

A lot cost RT which means to the purchaser 60 cents. There will be plenty of room left on the envelope for further notes such as "a poor lot," "paid too much," "fine sellers," or "see Senf or Gibbons."

In handling any stock there are always stamps that get out of place and accumulate. These are placed in colored envelopes of the ordinary letter writing type and placed in their respective compartments. When occasion offers they are sorted and placed in the proper manila envelope.

Stock books may or may not be advisable. It all depends on the point of view but at any rate a large outlay is to be depreciated until the dealer knows definitely what he wants. It is probable that a few small ones for the better grade of stamps of which the dealer has but one or two will insure their being well kept and more available. There is no basic patent on stock-books and anyone can make his own which will answer the purpose just as well as those he can buy. The fact must not be lost sight of that all stock-books however elaborate are the evolution of home made affairs.

On the whole the best advice to give the new dealer, be he young or old is to go slow. Don't adopt an elaborate system until it has been tried out and found adapted to your particular way of going at things and don't adopt any great big cross reference scheme at any time or your horse will get behind the cart. A study and development of systems may be of value in other lines in which one is engaged. At any rate do not look at your endeavors entirely from the commercial point of view.

AUSTRALIAN VARIED STAMP DESIGNS.

Finality has been reached by the Postmaster-General regarding the principal designs for the new issue of postage stamps of the Commonwealth. It was the idea of the late Postmaster-General, Mr. C. E. Frazer, to abolish all the old designs, including those showing the King's head, and substitute a uniform type for every denomination. This was to have the kangaroo as the central feature in each instance.

Mr. Wynne intends to retain the kangaroo for the half-penny stamp, and to restore a presentation of the King's head for the one penny and two-penny stamps. The design of the six-penny stamp will be a kookaburra, while that of the shilling stamp will be a black swan.

"That will do for the present," remarked the Minister. "You will see that I have not abolished the kangaroo. I might use that design for some of the other stamps, as well as for the half-penny. The reason for having the King's head on the penny and two-penny stamps is that these go abroad more than the others, and it has been truly said that it is a great advertisement to a country to send out a good stamp. That is why I was anxious to have the new penny stamps steel engraved, as well as the two-penny ones; but I am advised that there is a new plate printing progress that is almost equal to steel engraving. Plates for the King's head penny stamps have been ordered, and will be here in about a month. After that I shall get a plate for the kangaroo half-penny stamp."



West Australia has been supplied with its quota of the second million of the steel engraved penny stamps. The other States will get their shares shortly. There will not be any restriction on the number any individual purchaser may desire, as there was in the case of the first million, when six was the maximum purchasable at the one time.—*Herald*, Melbourne.

SUMMER PRICES

*Strs. Settlements 1898, No. 88, Cat.	.18	.08
* 1898, No. 90,	.06	.03
*Johore 1894, No. 28,	.30	.09
*Sungei Ujong 1894, No. 34....	.10	.04
*Transvaal 1896, 4d No.171....	.40	.16
* 1893, 1 on 6, No. 144.....	.20	.08
*New Brunswick, Nos. 6, 7 & 11..	.72	.14
*Cayman Isls. 1890, No. 2	.12	.06
*Abyssinia 1902, ¼g No. 15....	.25	.10
*Antigua 1882-6, Nos. 13, 18 & 19	.55	.24
*Br. Honduras 1888, No. 28	.15	.07
* 1891, No. 40,	.25	.12
*Br. Bechuanaland No. 13	.35	.16
* No. 52	.25	.10
* No. 67	.20	.10
*Dominica, Nos. 46 & 47		.05
*East Africa, Nos. 40 & 41		.03
*India, Nos. 80 & 81		.03
*Leeward Islands, No. 36		.02
* Nos. 1 and 2		.08
*Malta 1 on 2½, No. 20		.03
*Natal, No. 80, ½ on 1		.03
*Niger Coast, ½d, No Wmk, No. 15..		.03
* ½d, No. 49		.03
* 1d, No. 50		.06
* 1d, No. 9		.30
Russia 1913, 1, 2, 3, 7, 10		.05
*Turkey 1914, 2p-20p, mint set of 6....		.14
*Nyassa 1901, Nos. 26-38, mint		.23
* 1903, Nos. 39-43, mint		.17

H. TASKER, 7812 Seventh Av., Brooklyn, N.Y.

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100 varieties 3c cat. 50c
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Denmark "Avisporto" Set



1907, 1 ore to 1kr, 8 var., catalog 23c
Given as a premium with new 10 weeks sub'n where name has never been on our list. **Remit 10c**

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One of the Finest of Picture Sets

4 var., 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, given with new 10 weeks subscription **Remit 10c**

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A Pretty Hayti Garden of Palms



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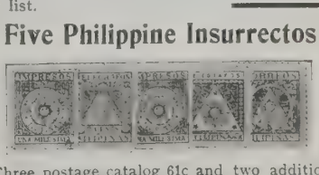
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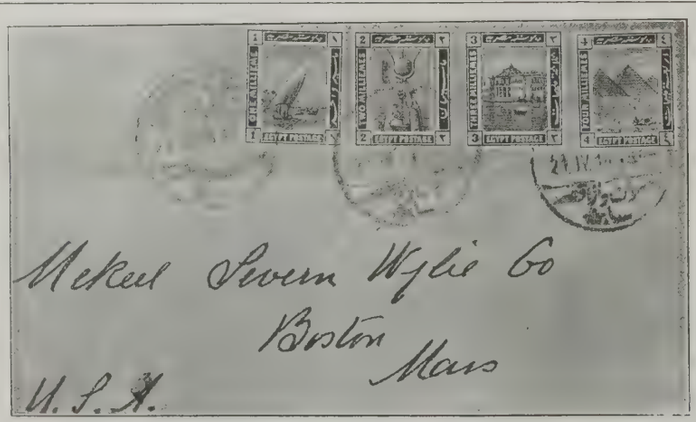
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Issue II.

THE "CROWN CC" SERIES OF 1874.

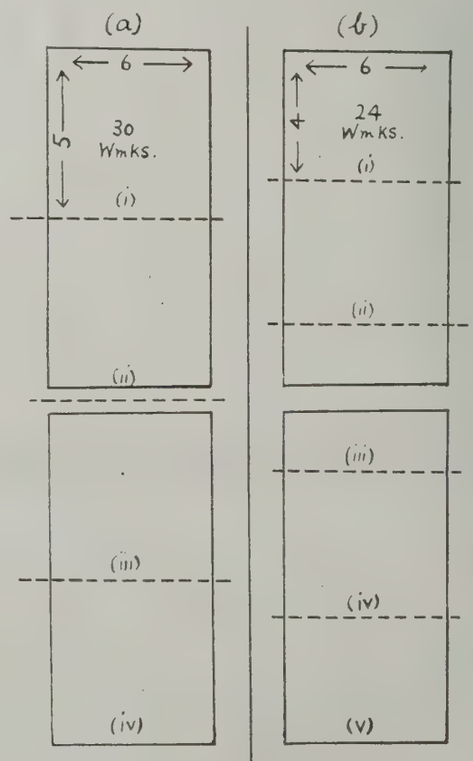
The second issue of postage stamps for this Colony took place about August, 1874, and was identical with that already described except that the stamps were this time printed upon paper watermarked with a Royal Crown above the initial CC signifying Crown Colony. They are still imperforate and have white gum. Although chronicled as both having been issued in August, 1874, it would appear that the sixpence was in use for some time previous to the issue of the fourpenny value, although consignments of both stamps may have been sent out to the Colony together. The Sixpence was first chronicled in *Le Timbre-Poste* for December 1874, but the appearance of the Fourpence was not noticed until several months later. The watermarks of the stamps of this issue are very irregularly spaced and it is a rare thing indeed to come across a specimen of either of these stamps showing a perfect and complete Crown C.C. This is accounted for by the fact of the stamps being printed in such small sheets; the paper on which they were printed being originally intended for the printing of stamps in large sheets of 240 divided into four panes of sixty. In *The Philatelic Record* of 1883, Major Evans wrote: "Some of my readers may have noticed that the watermark is not always very clearly shown in the Gambia stamps. This is due partly to the fact of their being embossed and partly to their being arranged in small blocks of fifteen—three horizontal rows of five—so that a row of five stamps is printed on a row of six watermarks, and in most cases a complete watermark is not found on any one of the stamps in a block. Very frequently the upper and lower blocks of a sheet encroach on the margins, and consequently some of the stamps show portions of the words CROWN COLONIES in watermark; and I have seen a block which had been printed in the centre of one side of a sheet, and the middle row of which was watermarked COLONIES, while the upper and lower rows have the Crown and CC."

In order, therefore, to procure sheets of watermarked paper of a size to fit the plates used for the printing of the embossed stamps of this issue, it was necessary to divide these sheets into smaller sheets of 24 or 30 watermarks, a full description of which will be found later under the issue of 1880. These stamps are also known watermarked with the two narrow lines which mark the outline of the panes, whilst to complete these somewhat complex watermark variations, there are also inverted and reversed watermarks to be found. Again both values are known with double embossing and specimens may also be seen with yellow gum in additional to the more general white gum.

Reference List.

1874. Wmk. vertical Crown CC. Imperforate. White gum.

4d deep brown, brown, pale brown.
6d deep blue, blue.
[Gum] yellow, both values.
[Embossing] double, both values.
[Wmk.] (i) inverted
(ii) reversed
(iii) reversed and inverted } both values.
(iv) bars
(v) parts of words
CROWN COLONIES



Issue III, 1880.

FIRST PERFORATED "CAMEOS."

Consequent on the admittance of Gambia, together with the other British West African possessions to the Universal Postal Union on January 1st, 1879, the want was felt of other denominations than those then available, and in the following June an entirely new series of the same design, and printed from the same plates, but containing seven instead of two values only, made its appearance. The early printings show the watermark Crown CC in an upright position as before, but later it was found that the paper could be made to fit the plates better if introduced sideways into the press, and consequently later consignments sent out to the Colony have the watermark sideways (normal from left to right) on the stamp. The wmk. also exists reversed and inverted. Mr. Weber, writing in an American journal, remarks: "The plates from which the stamps of Gambia were printed did not consist of a single pane of fifteen, but were made up of a number of such panes. The very economy will appeal to everyone and more

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"In the case of the stamps with the watermark vertical the plates were in all probability made up of *eight panes*, but it was soon found that if the panes were placed sideways the same sheet of paper would be sufficient for *twelve panes* of fifteen stamps each."

Should this deduction prove correct, it shows at a glance the economy of the resort to using the sheet of printing paper sideways, as when printed in the upright position, the sheets of fifteen and their margins occupied the space equivalent to *thirty* watermarks, whilst sideways they occupied the space of only *twenty*.

That the paper was divided up into twelve panes for the printing of the "sideway watermarked" sheets is correct without doubt, but there does not appear to be the same conviction in the idea expressed that the "upright" printings were the result of the paper being cut up into eight panes—why not *ten?* We know that five stamps were printed upon six upright watermarks horizontally, so the only point not clear is the number of vertical rows of watermarks. According to Mr. Weber *five* vertical rows made up the sheet of fifteen, but it appears just as safe (and much more probable) to assume that *four* rows would also have served the purpose—and more economically. Four rows would have been just about the correct size as is shown by the later method of cutting the Crown CA paper—5x4. Therefore the paper for the upright sheets would have been cut into ten panes, each 6x4. Below a diagram (i) is given in which the complete sheet of paper has been vertically divided down the centre, the first half of the diagram (a) showing the division of the half sheet to make eight small panes, and secondly (b) divided to make ten panes. The second diagram (ii) shows the division of the paper for the printing of the sideway watermark sheets of Gambia.

With the issue of this series perforating was first introduced as a means of dividing the stamps, and the perforations of this issue form an interesting subject.

The first machine employed was of the type known to philatelists as "Single-line," consisting—as the name implies—of a single row of punches. Stamps in sheets with margins that have been perforated by this machine may be readily distinguished by the fact that all four margins are perforated right through, whilst in the case of blocks of four or more, the perforating holes will almost invariably be found to fall foul of each other where they cross vertically and horizontally. The question of determining single specimens to their correct perforations is by no means easy. Mr. Melville, in his booklet, gives the following suggestion: "Single copies perforated in this manner [single line machine] can occasionally be detected by the distance between the vertical perforations. In the later perforation of this issue the distance is fixed, and the distance is 20½ mm., measuring from perf. point to perf. point across the stamp. Any stamp differing in width to any extent more than ½ mm. may therefore be set down as perforated by the single line machine."

The 2d rose and 1sh green are the only values which have not been seen perforated by the single line machine although many authorities, including Mr. Bacon, believe that they both exist.

By far the greater percentage of the single line perf. stamps have the upright watermark, and all sheets have one printer's guide dot in the centre of each side margin, such dots being apparently placed as a guide for the correct placing of the sheet in the press.

Subsequently the second type of perforating machine was brought into use for these stamps, known as the comb, from the fact that it has a number of teeth projecting from the single line of punches giving it the appearance of an ordinary hair comb, and enabling three sides of a row of stamps to be perforated at a single operation. Sheets of stamps perforated by this comb machine have one margin imperforate; either that at the top, or at the bottom of the sheet according to which way it was inserted into the machine. The comb machine employed was that used by De La Rues for perforating the Colonial stamps printed by them in sheets of four panes of sixty stamps each (10x6). As stated above, at each ascent of the pins this machine perforates three sides of each stamp in a horizontal row of twelve, with two vertical lines of pins forming a narrow space in the centre, corresponding to the vertical division of the sheet into panes. In the case of the embossed stamps of Gambia this narrow space falls on the right margin of the sheet, thus giving the appearance of having been doubly perforated. In a few cases, it would appear, that the sheet had been put into the machine upside down; the double rows of perforation appearing on the left instead of the right hand side of the sheet; but such sheets are conspicuous by their absence.

In order to make quite clear the results obtained by the different usages of this comb machine, we give below the effects obtained. Upon the application of the left hand portion of the machine the sheet was inserted in an upright position, with the result that the top row of stamps was perforated first so that the top margin is imperforate, whilst the bottom row is cut through by vertical perforations. If the sheet was inverted the apparent double perforating would have been on the left margin.

A curious point is to be noted when the right hand portion of the comb machine was employed, namely that the sheets were—almost without exception—inverted before being inserted in the machine, so that in this case the bottom margin was imperforate and the top cut through by the perforation holes: the double perforating being again on the right hand side.

These printings have two additional dots, in the right hand upper and lower corners of the sheet, thus in all having one dot on the left margin (in the middle) and three on the right. Some sheets appear to have a dot in the upper right and lower left hand corners in addition to the two original dots in the centre of each side margin.

All values are known with the watermark inverted, and with double embossing.

Specimens of the ½d in citron and pale ochre, and also in citron on ribbed paper, are believed to be colour trials by some, and by others to be due to atmospheric changes—probably the correct theory.

There are several shades of each value indicating various printings, those of the ½d, 4d, 6d, and 1sh being perhaps the most decided.

On the Sixpenny stamps of this series the watermark is as a rule very indistinct.

The sloping label varieties of the 6d stamp have become very prominent in this issue.

No. 6 in the sheet of the 2d denomination has a white flaw just in front of the nose, while the ½d pale orange vermilion exists doubly perforated at sides and *top*.

The other minor varieties will all be found listed in the reference list at the end of this issue, most of which will only be of interest to the specialist.

The catalogue quotations of this series are interesting:

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Reference List.

Printed on paper watermarked "Crown CC" (i) vertical and (ii) horizontal. Perf. 14 (i) single line and (ii) comb. White gum.

[Values and Shades]
½d golden-yellow, deep golden-yellow, pale orange-vermilion, deep orange vermilion (First chronicled in August).
1d lake, deep lake. (August.)
2d pale rose, rose, deep rose. (Sept.)
3d pale to deep ultramarine, deep blue. (Sept.)
4d sepia-brown, deep sepia brown. (Aug.)
6d pale to deep blue. (August.)
1sh green, deep green. (October.)

[Perfs.]
Single-line 14. All values, except 2d & 1sh?
Comb 14. All values.
Variety: ½d double perf. at sides and top (pale orange-vermilion).

[Wmks.] Crown CC.
(a) vertical: all values.
(b) horizontal: all values.
(c) inverted: all values.
(d) portion of words "Crown Colonies"; all values.
(e) division lines of panes: all values.

[Double embossing]
All values.

[Yellow gum]
All values.

[Colour Trials? or changelings]
½d pale orange, citron, pale ochre.
½d citron (ribbed paper).

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W. F. SLUSSER, Key West, Florida

EDITORIAL.

A Reigning Question—For many years one of the questions most commonly asked by readers has been on the subject of dealing in stamps. There is a continuous demand for information about stamp dealing and it is impossible to devote space in the paper to explanations so often as they are desired by the seekers after knowledge of the commercial side of philately. The inquiries seemed to arise spontaneously from widely scattered sources and they come unceasingly. The great majority of questions were asked by boys, it was apparent, and knowing how the idea of dealing in stamps appealed to the business instinct that as a rule is latent in young America, we accepted the questions as a matter of course and answered them in a way more or less concise by letter and again through the columns of the WEEKLY.

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Fast and Furious—Last season, the call for information about stamp dealing came in such a volume that we could not meet it fairly and our question bureau, so to say, was so pressed that its service was hurried and inadequate. Some measures had to be resorted to improve conditions and it was decided to run a series of articles on "How to Deal in Stamps." These articles contributed by authorities on their subjects were received with favor as they possessed an interest even for the reader who had no thought of ever dealing in stamps; and the matter was subsequently published in handbook form, "How to Deal in Stamps," at ten cents a copy. This book has relieved us of much work as now we can with a feeling of assurance, refer expectant dealers to the instructions of the twenty-four pages of the little brochure. The book covers its field in a sensible and thorough manner and what may be termed the intimate details of dealing are discussed in all candor. No attempt was made to paint the picture in too lively colors and the first chapter of the work, "Decision," by Washington Grant is a masterly treatment of the question to deal or not to deal.

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Unforced—The demand for information about stamp dealing is a genuine one that is created by no methods of advertising or publicity. The impulse to deal is one originally implanted in the breasts of many stamp collectors, chiefly boys, and in many cases, it is given encouragement by parents who regard the experience gained through dealing as a fitting preliminary for larger operations in the future perhaps in different lines. We do not care to avoid a consideration of a natural phase in the career of many stamp collectors in this country or to ignore a condition that would exist despite all argument but rather, we encourage the development by the best council and precept that are available. By doing so the result usually is that the new dealer pursues his course in a regular way and adds to the activity of the world of philately.

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This Special Number—When we are asked where the dealers buy their stocks and similar questions we know that specific answers are desired if they are to be of value. In a book, it is not advisable to list names and addresses; and even by letter one cannot enter fully into the subject. Consequently, this special issue is provided as a directory of established dealers who are in a position to sell to new dealers at wholesale. The advertising pages of this number are an index to dealers who can serve other dealers and collectors; and in connection with "How to Deal in Stamps," they point out the road to real dealing in stamps.

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Questioned—A stamp dealer writes: "In regard to making dealers it seems to me that you overlook one factor. That is the demoralization of the trade and the injury to collecting in general of a crop of dealers ignorant of stamp values and costs. Many dealers do not realize what it costs to do business and so sell at a price which really causes them to lose money and collectors get to believe that all dealers should sell all stamps at similar prices." Our correspondent proceeds to say that the result is that most of the really scarce cheap stamps are being driven to Europe in consequence. We believe that any irregularity of this kind is only temporary and is to exist during the period of adjustment. If the new dealer sells too low he will not last long but while he does deal, he brings an element of competition into the business world of stamps that is not without its stimulating influence. Each dealer is likely to make a few customers who continue to buy even though the dealer gives up. The collector's ability to discriminate between stamps grows with experience just as it does with the dealer. If the boy is going to deal come what will, it is better that he be put through a sort of training school.

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They Are Here—Have you got your Vera Cruz postmark on U. S. stamp yet? The regulation Mexican office postmarking stamp is used, we understand, beginning May 15th, 1914.

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Various and Sundry—From Mr. J. J. Prendergast, Dorchester, Mass., we have received one of his budgets sent periodically, of odds and ends. He writes: "I enclose a few freaks for your 'Museum.' On one cover, you will notice how the post office department is prepared for accidents of this nature; and in this connection, I think that a collection of all the rubber-stamped paper of the department would be interesting. The 'miscues' remind one of a picture in the vestibule of the Massachusetts General Hospital years ago, labeled 'Base Ball Fingers,' and you may be sure that they were a misshapen lot. I am wearing three or four of them. I have noticed several Schermack covers with one stamp over the other; and this piling of stamps is money in the pocket of Uncle Sam. The light-house service tag is a new one to me. I record all the precanceled stamps that I get that are not listed in Smith's catalogue and some day my lists will come in handy for future cataloguers." On the envelope stamped, "Adhered to back of letter addressed—Chicago, Ill.," is the Chicago postmark although the letter was mailed from Boston to another city in the same state. In referring to a penalty envelope used for sending circulars not connected with the government but covered by regular postage, the opinion is given that the envelopes are obsolete having been issued for use of referee in bankruptcy or similar case.

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Stamp Duty Instructions—On the reverse side of an old deed, bearing a pair of the twenty-five cent power of attorney, and dated December 16th, 1865, sent us by Mr. W. E. Marsh, we find an interesting schedule under "Stamp Duty." We do not remember ever having seen heretofore detailed instructions of the kind for the convenience of the user of the legal blanks; and the information certainly must have been acceptable to parties executing deeds as all the different kinds of deeds and their stamp requirements are named. For instance: "Sheriff's Deed requires conveyance stamp" and "Deed of Land to Widow in lieu of Dower-Stamp for actual consideration." It may be said here that recently a book that will appeal to those who are students of the Civil War period tax has been published: The United States Federal Internal Tax History, from 1861-1871, by Harry Edwin Smith. $1.50 net. Houghton, Mifflin, Boston.

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

CO-OPERATION AMONG STAMP DEALERS.

By W. F. SLUSSER.

The need of a stamp dealer's protective association in the United States has impressed me more than once, and considering the advantages which could be derived from an organization of this kind the question seems timely—why not?

A competent organizer is needed—one who is sufficiently well known to the trade to lend substantiability to the proposition, and if the matter is given the proper amount of publicity I doubt not but what most of the reliable dealers would respond.

To be successful, the organization should at the start pay its secretary a sufficient sum to insure his attention to the business of circulating bulletins of information, and this information should consist of authentic cases of fraud and forgery; information relating to reprints, reissues, sales of remainders, demonetized stamps, new issues and such other items of information as would interest a dealer.

A call for ten charter members should be made and then plans formulated for a permanent organization. Dues should not be placed too low, as proper service can only be acquired at proportionate expense.

As to who would be eligible for membership, the necessity of membership and the expense of dues would very likely regulate that, while a supervising board could pass on the business references and "past performances" of the applicant.

A Western paper now calls my attention to the attempted formation of an organization of this kind, but I am not very enthusiastic over the prospectus at hand. To begin with the object of the association is solely to eradicate the "pikers" while the dues are placed at $1.00. This in my opinion, is entirely too low as an initial assessment. It is noteworthy that the main plea is for the dollar. Nothing is outlined definitely nor promised.

For a properly organized association of stamp dealers, obviously, the bulletin system would be best for circulating information among stamp dealers, and these bulletins should be issued at least once a week.

The editorial work could be done by the members, and this is where coöperation comes in. The secretary gets the data; has the bulletins printed and mailed, and if he acts as treasurer also he can keep the membership books.

As I said before, the main thing is coöperation. *The future of Philately demands a present reform*, and an organized body of stamp dealers, who are on record for clean business, can do much to eliminate some of the present questionable methods of some dealers—not only in this country, but abroad.

There is another phase of the matter which should receive attention, and that is professional ethics among dealers. To illustrate: A letter of inquiry was recently directed to a prominent stamp firm, requesting information of a prospective client who had given them as reference. The firm replied that the party in question had purchased several cheap packets of them, but that they could see no reason why he should give their firm's name as reference. Subsequent investigation revealed the fact that the prospective client had purchased several hundred dollars worth of stamps from this firm's approval sheets, and he had the receipts to show for it.

I could give other instances of this kind.

A small dealer out West writes me as follows: "Being a collector as well as a dealer, I often have my letters ignored or my requests refused just because I have advertised as a dealer. One firm not a thousand miles from Chicago actually accused me of wanting to get posted on their business methods when I applied for a special line of approvals."

This follows pretty near my own experience, and a number of cases could I describe did time and space permit.

A stamp dealer's protective association could well eliminate such methods as these. It is my opinion that any person willing to pay for services or goods ordered should be treated with the strict business courtesy which is their due.

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Mr. Hatfield has been a stamp collector for many years, but until now his name has not been especially familiar to philatelists. In Massachusetts, however, where most of his interests lie, he is well known as a successful, aggressive business man. He is President of the First National Bank of Newton, Mass., (in fact, if the writer is not mistaken, he controls that institution), and is a director of the Lowney Chocolate Company and of various other important commercial enterprises in Boston and vicinity. He has also been active in politics, has served as Mayor of his home city, and for several years was State Chairman of the Republican Party organization in Massachusetts.

Mr. Hatfield's accession brings the assurance of abundant financial backing for the Scott Stamp and Coin Company as well as intelligent and up-to-date business management. His plans include the steady improvement of the already immense stock of stamps, and funds will be available at any time for desirable material, from single stamps up to large collections. It goes without saying that the service rendered to American collectors for over fifty years by this concern will reach a high point of efficiency under these conditions, particularly in the filling of want lists.

Associated with Mr. Hatfield is Hugh M. Clark, who for two years past has been nominally in charge of the approval and auction departments, but whose efforts have made themselves felt throughout the entire business. Mr. Clark will be in immediate charge of the active operations of the company, as general manager. Mr. Luff, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Vandenheuvel remain in active charge of their various departments.—*Circular.*

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

SUGGESTIONS FOR BUYING.

By P. C. SMITH.

One of the first serious propositions that confronts a dealer in stamps is "When and where to buy." The first part of the question is easily answered in that a good trade is always worthy of purchase if you are in need of the merchandise offered and it can be secured at a figure that is attractive from a dealer's standpoint.

There are opportunities during the summer months for the buying of collections of medium size that sometimes include here or there some rare stamps. Generally these come from the younger collectors and should not be mistaken for those put upon the market by speculators who skim the milk of its cream and offer the balance at the original price. These men will invariably tell you that "they have removed one or two copies only for their own collection." A good point in favor of buying collections is that you increase your varieties and your ability to supply certain stamps or fill want lists. Care should always be taken to examine the quality of each stamp and don't be over anxious to secure the lot remembering that it is easier to raise a low offer than retreat from a high one and that "well bought is half sold."

As for buying in wholesale lots, a great deal can be recorded in this regard. In many instances a great difference is found in prices of the same stamps. One or two large wholesalers are always "bottom" on the certain values and this can only be found out by continual search.

The writer has made it a practice to catalog every wholesale price list received and by so doing has in his files a ready reference and when hunting for certain stock can, by comparison, soon find the lowest quotation. Again low value stamps are always cheapest in price where they are used largely which is generally in the cities or larger towns of that country. For illustration when the 1908 Austrian Jubilee set 1h to 2kr was being sold in U. S. for about 4½ to 5c a set it was to be had of a large Austrian dealer at 2c per set and this same dealer offered the 1903 Malta, 2½d at 6c each, which was considerably lower than they could be secured here.

It is quite often that what is higher in Europe is cheaper here but a practice of pricing all catalogs and wholesale offerings will furnish information quickly and readily. Only recently a set of stamps was bought in England that catalogs by Scott at $3.00 for 15c, which further proves that a dealer must keep his eyes open continually.

An advertisement in MEKEEL'S for wholesale lists and offerings will very likely secure a generous supply of them. Try it once.

One other suggestion, that of syndicate buying. In the business world there are combinations of men who get together and buy in a body. For instance where one man purchases $100 in goods, ten men will purchase $1000 and quite often at a good deal better price than the single buyer. Why can not this be applied to stamp dealers? I believe that much money can be saved in this way to use in advertising, which means enlarged and growing business, and this spells in large letters, "greater success."

POOLE'S "STAMP COLLECTOR'S GUIDE."

(This is a sample chapter from Poole's splendid book of which there are no less than thirty-two chapters dealing with all the intricacies of stamp collecting. Remit 25c to this office and have a book sent you.)

CHAPTER XXII.—*Official Stamps.*

Another important class of stamps not available to the public comprises those issued for official use. These stamps are used for franking the mail matter of the more important Government departments. As a matter of strict reality all such mail is carried free but some countries use special stamps as an easy way of determining the exact amount which ought to be credited to the Post Office for the service. Most countries now dispense with the use of these special labels and use instead official envelopes. These official stamps are either of distinctive design or are overprinted with some word or letters to indicate their special use. Generally one series suffices for all the Government departments of a country but occasionally individual series are issued for each separate department as was the case with the United States stamps of 1873-79. These stamps were all inscribed with the name of the Department for whose use they were intended but most other English speaking countries have converted their ordinary postage stamps into official ones by the simple expedient of applying an overprint.

Where the word "OFFICIAL" or "SERVICE" forms part of the inscription or overprint the character of the label is at once apparent. Thus the overprints "Army Official," on the stamps of Great Britain, or "Army Service," on the stamps of Sudan, are self explanatory and at once show that the labels were used on the correspondence of the department dealing with army matters. Where other words or simply letters are used the beginner may find some difficulty in arriving at the proper character of these stamps but the following list of overprints (except where otherwise stated) should simplify matters:—

Admiralty Official.—A British Government department dealing with naval affairs.

Board of Education.—A Government department of Great Britain.

G. F. B.—Found on some of the stamps of Tonga. The letters stand for "Gaue Faka Buleaga" which means On Government Service.

Govt. Parcels.—An overprint found on various British stamps issued to the different Government departments for use on parcels.

I. R. Official.—Used in connection with the Inland Revenue department of Great Britain.

O. H. M. S.—"On His Majesty's Service." Found on some of the King Edward stamps of the Somaliland Protectorate.

On H. M. S.—"On His (or Her) Majesty's Service." Found on the stamps of India and the Somaliland Protectorate.

On Public Trust Office Business.—This lengthy inscription forms the chief part of one of the official stamps of New Zealand issued in 1891.

On S. S. S.—"On Sirmoor State Service." On the stamps of the Indian Native State of Sirmoor.

O. P. S. O.—"On Public Service Only." Found on many of the stamps of New Zealand.

O. S.—"On Service." Found on the stamps of New South Wales, South Australia, Trinidad, and Liberia.

O. S. G. S.—"On Sudan Government Service." On the stamps of Sudan.

O. W. Official.—Used in connection with the Office of Works department of Great Britain.

P. G. S.—"Perak Government Service." On Straits Settlements stamps converted for the use of Perak.

Postage Free.—These words, with a crown between, and a border around like that on the first stamps for the Cook Is. form the design of an official stamp used in New Zealand in 1887.

R. H. Official.—On British stamps used in connection with the Royal Household.

In addition to the above South Australia furnishes a series of 55 different overprints but as these are rarely met with it is hardly necessary to detail them with their respective meanings.

In countries where the inscriptions are not in the English language more difficulty will be experienced in identifying the official stamps. Most of those of the Central and South American republics are easily distinguished for the word "OFICIAL" or "FRANQUEO OFICIAL" (Official Frank) forms part of the design or overprint. Other forms will be found in the list given below:—

Bargains in Used Stamps

Money Back if Not Satisfactory.

No.		
1	Denmark 2rs blue, extra fine	$4.25
2	4rs brown	.03
3	2s blue	.18
4	4s brown	.02
9	4s brown, rouletted	.05
11	2s blue	.09
13	4s red	.01
14	8s bistre	.40
15	16s olive	.50
16	2s gray and ultramarine.....	.03
17	3s gray and bright lilac.....	.25
18	4s gray and carmine	.02
19	8s gray and brown	.04
24	48s brown and lilac	2.35
27	5 ore rose and blue	.15
29	12 ore lilac	.01
31	20 ore rose and gray	.04
41	3 ore ultramarine and slate.....	.00½
42	4 ore slate and blue	.00½
43	5 ore green	.00½
44	8 ore slate and carmine.....	.00½
45	10 ore rose carmine.....	.00½
46	12 ore slate and dull lake.....	.00½
47	16 ore slate and brown.....	.00½
49	25 ore gray and green	.01
50	50 ore brown and violet.....	.01
51	100 ore slate and orange.....	.02
52	24 ore brown	.04
53	1 ore orange	.01
54	15 ore lilac	.01
55	4 ore on 8 ore slate and carmine	.02
56	15 ore on 24 ore brown	.07
57	1 ore orange	.00½
58	2 ore carmine	.00½
65	25 ore brown	.03
66	50 ore dull violet	.13
74	25 ore olive brown	.01
75	50 ore claret	.03
76	100 ore bistre brown	.02
77	35 ore on 16 ore slate and brown	.25
78	35 ore on 20 ore rose and gray..	.15
79	35 ore on 32 ore green	.35
80	35 ore orange	.04
83	20 ore dark blue.....	.06
84	5kr red	.85
105	20 ore green	.01
106	38 ore orange	.02
108	1kr blue green and claret.....	.04
109	5kr rose and yellow green.....	.25
110	10kr bistre and blue.....	.50
206	16s green	.70
210	32 ore green	.10
213	1 ore orange	.01
214	3 ore red lilac	.01
215	5 ore green	.02
216	10 ore carmine	.01
	1913 King Christian the Tenth Stamps not catalogued yet.	
	5 ore green	.01
	10 ore carmine	.01
	15 ore violet	.03
	20 ore blue	.03
	25 ore brown	.05
	35 ore orange	.08
	50 ore claret	.10
59	Sweden 20 ore slate blue.....	.01
60	25 ore red orange	.01
61	30 ore yellow brown	.01
66	5kr blue	.40
84	35 ore dark violet	.01
85	50 ore gray	.02
213	4 ore dark gray	.01
220	30 ore bistre brown.....	.01
231	5 ore green	.02
233	10 ore carmine	.02
35	Iceland 4a gray and rose	.02
37	6a gray brown	.04
88	4a ultramarine	.02
156	10a blue	.07
163	3a buff and black	.03
164	4a deep green and black.....	.08
32	Norway 1kr gray green and green	.07
33	1kr 50 ore ultramarine & blue	.20
34	2kr rose and maroon	.18

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E.—Overprinted on certain Bavarian stamps in 1908 for the use of Railway officials.

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Frei Dürch Ablösung.—(Free through Communication.) With "Nr. 16" stamps so inscribed are official stamps of Baden, and with "Nr. 21" they are official stamps of Prussia.

O. B.—Found on Philippine Is. stamps and means "Official Business."

Officiel.—Luxemburg.

O. H. S.—"On His Highness' Service." Egypt.

Pjon. or Pjonusta.—Iceland.

Service de l'Etat.—"Service of the State." Egypt.

Sevicio Interno.—"Internal Service." Guatemala.

S. P.—"Service Publique." i. e. Public Service. Luxemburg.

Tjeneste.—Denmark.

Tjenste.—Sweden.

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1847, 5c red brown	$1.75	$1.00
10c black	5.00	2.65
1851, 1c blue	.75	.25
10c green	1.50	.60
1857, 1c Type III unused o. g.	.50	.20
1c Type III used	.25	.10
5c Type I used	4.00	1.80
5c Type II used	4.00	1.75
10c green used	1.25	.38
1861, 3c pink (real pink), used	7.50	2.50
5c buff, used	7.50	2.95
10c green, used	.25	.10
12c or 30c, each used	1.00	.40
90c blue, used	4.00	1.60
1862, 2c black Jackson, unused	.75	.25
5c red brown, used	3.50	1.35
5c brown, used	.85	.38
15c blk. Lincoln, used	1.00	.38
1867, 15c Lincoln grille 9x13 used	1.25	.40
24c lilac grille 9x13 used	6.00	2.20
30c orange grille 9x13 used	4.00	1.30
90c blue grille 9x13 used	10.00	4.00
1869, 1c buff (used 35c), un'd o. g.	1.60	.65
2c brown (used 9c), un'd o. g.	1.00	.30
3c blue (used 1c), un'd o. g.	.75	.25
6c blue (used 40c), un'd o. g.	4.00	1.60
10c yellow (used 40c), un'd o. g.	6.00	2.60
12c green (used 45c), un'd o. g.	4.00	1.65
15c br.&blue, used 75c un'd o.g.	6.00	2.25
re-issue (1875) 1c un'd o. g.	5.00	1.80
re-issue (1875) 6c un'd o. g.	10.00	4.00
re-issue ('75) 10c or 15c un'd o.g.	12.50	5.25
1870, 1c blue, grill used	.50	.17
6c carmine, grill used	4.00	1.50
7c vermilion, grill used	4.00	1.50
10c brown, grill used	10.00	3.75
15c orange, grill used	6.50	2.75
1871, 1c ultra., unused o. g.	3.50	.95
2c red brown, unused o. g.	1.50	.50
3c green, unused o. g.	2.00	.45
6c carmine, unused o. g.	3.50	1.00
7c ver. (used 35c), un'd o. g.	6.00	1.75
10c or 12c each, unused, o. g.	8.00	2.50
15c bright orange, un'd o. g.	5.00	1.50
24c pur., (used 60c), un'd o.g.	12.50	4.90
90c carmine, used	1.50	.65
1873, 7c, 12c or 15c, each used		.30
10c brown, un'd o. g.	5.00	1.80
1890, 30c black, unused o. g.	1.00	.40
90c orange, unused o. g.	2.00	1.00
1893, Columbus 30c, unused o. g.	.75	.40
Columbus 50c, unused o. g.	1.00	.55
Columbus 1.00 unused o. g.	3.00	1.50
Columbus 2.00, unused o. g.		2.25
Columbus 3.00, unused o. g.		3.40
Columbus 4.00, unused o. g.		4.40
Columbus 5.00, unused o. g.		5.20
1908, 50c pale violet, used	.25	.10
$1 purple brown	.35	.18
1911, 50c violet (Franklin)	.25	.08
Parcel Post 50c carmine	1.00	.17
Parcel Post 75c carmine		.39
Parcel Post 1.00 carmine		.48

U. S.	Scott's Catalog.	My price
Agriculture 1c yellow, unused o. g.	3.50	1.60
3c yellow, unused o. g.	.50	.20
10c yellow, unused o. g.	6.00	2.50
12c yellow, unused o. g.	8.00	3.40
15c yellow, unused o. g.	3.50	1.50
24c or 30c, unused o. g.	5.00	2.40
Executive 1c carmine, unused o. g.	8.00	3.40
6c (used)	12.00	5.00
Treasury 7c brown	1.50	.60
24c brown	3.00	1.10
REVENUES Perforated 1861		
1c Playing Cards	3.00	1.20
2c Certificate, orange	.40	.15
3c Playing Cards	6.00	2.00
5c Playing Cards	.75	.25
10c Prop., or For. Exch.		.16
25c Warehouse Receipt	.60	.16
50c Probate of Will	.75	.16
$1 Manifest	.60	.20
$1 Mortgage	3.00	.65
$1 Passage Ticket	6.00	2.00
$1.30 Inland Exchange	1.00	.30
$2.00 Probate of Will	1.00	.45
$5 Manifest	2.50	.70
$5 Probate of Will	.85	.35
$10 Probate, Mortg. or Charter	1.00	.40
$15 Mortgage	6.00	2.20
$20 Probate of Will	35.00	14.75
$25 Mortgage	4.00	1.50
1c Blue and Black, 2d issue	.75	.30
3c Blue and Black, 2d issue	.35	.18
6c Blue and Black, 2d issue	2.00	.70
$1.90 or $10 Blue & Black, 2d issue		1.40
$20 or $50 Blue & Black, 2d issue		6.50
$25 Blue and Black, 2d issue	20.00	8.00
$10 black and green, 3rd issue	3.00	1.20
$5 black & vermilion, 3rd issue	.75	.30
$15 black & orange, 3rd issue	15.00	6.00
1871 Propr. 10c blk & green	2.00	.70
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Western Un. Tel. 1878, gray brown	4.00	.90
1881, green	2.50	.65
1891-2-3-4, each	.25	.06
Postal 1905, blue on cream, rare	2.00	.30
1885, complete set of 4	.73	.15
Hawaii 1859, 5c blue, No. 21	16.00	7.00
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1864, 2c vermilion	.40	.15
1864, 6c green	.60	.20
1864, 18c rose	1.25	.40
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1882, 15c brown	2.50	1.10
1883, 10c red brown	.25	.12
1883, 10c vermilion	1.25	.50
1883, 12c red lilac	2.50	1.10
1883, 25c violet	3.00	1.20
1883, 50c red	7.00	2.95
1883, $1.00 rose red	10.00	3.50

Hawaii	Scott's Catalog.	My price
1889, 5c bk. blue, un'd, o. g.	1.50	.60
1893, Prov. 1c purple, un'd o.g.	.20	.07
1893, Prov. 2c brown, un'd o.g.	.30	.10
1893, Prov. 6c green, un'd o.g.	.50	.20
1893, Prov. 10c black, un'd o.g.	.40	.15
1893, Prov. 12c black, un'd o.g.	.60	.20
1893, Prov. 12c lilac, un'd o.g.	5.00	2.20
1893, Prov. 25c violet, un'd o.g.	1.50	.55
1893, Prov. 2c rosy ver. un'd o.g.	3.50	1.50
1893, Prov. 10c ver., un'd o. g.	.40	.15
1893, Prov. 12c red lilac, No. 69 unused, o. g.	16.50	6.00
1893, Prov. 15c red br. un'd o.g.	.75	.35
1893, Prov. 18c rose, un'd o. g.	.60	.25
1893, Prov. 50c red, un'd o.g.	2.00	.95
Cape of G. H. 1863, 1p (triangular)	4.00	1.50
1858, 1sh green (triangular)	6.00	2.20
Canada 1855, 10p blue, fair margins	7.50	3.00
1857, ½p rose	4.50	2.00
6p violet, extra margins	12.00	5.00
3p red, No. 12	3.00	1.00
1859, 10c red lilac	1.00	.40
12½c green, unused o. g.	5.00	2.00
17c blue, unused o. g.	5.00	2.00
1868, ½c black	.40	.15
6c brown	.60	.20
Quebec 1908, 15c orange	.35	.17
Quebec 1908, 20c brown	.35	.15
France 1849, 15c green	4.00	1.65
1849, 40c orange	1.50	.50
1 franc carmine	1.50	.55
1852, 10c pale bistre	2.50	.90
1853, 1 franc lake	6.00	2.25
1863, 5 franc lilac	1.75	.90
Gt. Britain 1856, 1sh green	1.00	.40
1867, 9p bistre	1.50	.60
10p brown	1.75	.75
2sh blue	.75	.25
5sh rose	2.00	.60
1876, 8p orange	1.25	.50
1878, 10sh slate	9.00	4.00
1881, 1sh salmon	.50	.20
1883, 5sh rose	.60	.20
10sh ultra.	1.50	.60
£1 brown violet, beauties	8.50	4.50
1891, £1 green beauties	4.00	2.00
1901, £1 green (King) beaut.	5.00	2.45
Liberia 1885, 32c blue, unused	1.00	.35
1892, $1 (Elephant) used	1.25	.75
1906, $1 rose & gray, used	1.25	.60
1906, $2 gr. & black, used	2.50	1.35
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Nova Scotia 1851, 1p red brown	10.00	4.40
1851, 3p blue	2.00	.95
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2c lilac	.60	.25
10c vermilion	1.50	.50
12½c black	1.25	.55
Prince Ed. Isl'd cpl. mostly unused.	12.50	4.90
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1890, 6m dark brown, unused	4.00	1.40
1890, 8m bistre, unused	8.00	2.50
Portugal, 1853, 50r green	4.50	2.00
1855, 100R lilac	1.50	.60
1862, 100R lilac	1.50	.60
Switzerland 1855, 1 franc	1.50	.60
Samoa 1899, ½p-2sh 6d, un'd. 8 var.	2.70	.80
Saxony 1855, 5 n. g. red	1.00	.45
1855, 10 n. g. blue	7.50	3.50
Transvaal 1904, £1 violet & green.	6.00	2.45
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By Fred. J. Melville.

At the present time, when the United States Post Office is simplifying its stamp system by abandoning the distinctive stamps for special services, it is interesting to recall the rather grotesque and afterwards very handsome series of stamps issued in America for newspaper postage. With the exception of a short period subsequent to the passing of the Postal Act in 1851 newspapers and periodicals have enjoyed generally preferential rates of postage in the United States. But in the early days, while the Government post was saddled with the unremunerative transmission of newspapers, the privately owned express companies and local posts were in competition with the Government on the profit-earning side of the business.

To the newspaper proprietor the express companies and local posts unhampered by the routine of the Government service, could offer advantageous rates for and quicker distribution of newspapers in bulk from publishers to distributing agents. In 1863 the Postmaster-General was empowered to fix rates and terms upon which route agents were to receive and deliver packages of newspapers and periodicals "not received from nor designed for delivery at any post office." Under this system the difficulty of keeping a check on moneys received called for the use of special stamps, and the series of "newspaper and periodical" stamps of the United States was inaugurated in the summer of 1865.

Only three denominations were provided, and these stamps are probably regarded as the largest postage stamps ever issued. Had they been designed for letter-postage it might have been said of them, as of the Djibouti and Obock postage stamps, that instead of sticking the stamp on the letter, it was necessary to stick the letter on the stamp. Their measurements are, roughly, 4 in. by 2¼ in., and they were generally cancelled, not with an ordinary postmark, but with a brush dipped in blue or black ink. These three stamps are the only surface-printed postage stamps which have been issued by the United States Post-office, and they form a crude contrast to the handsome general issues engraved in taille-douce. They bear portraits; the 5c blue shows a bust of Washington after the statue by Jean Antoine Houdon, the 10c green depicts Benjamin Franklin, and the 25c scarlet was the first stamp issued bearing a portrait of Abraham Lincoln, whose assassination in 1865 qualified him for admission in that year to the series of stamp portraits of America's illustrious dead. These stamps are also peculiar in that they bear a reference to the Postal Act authorising their use. "Sec. 38, Act of Congress, approved March 3d, 1863."

In 1874 Congress approved an Act which provided for a new method of newspaper distribution, and new rates, the latter being 2c a pound for publications issued not less frequently than once a week, and 3c a pound for those issued less frequently. The publisher, or a known agent, delivered the entire issue for distribution to postal subscribers to the post-office, where they were weighed in bulk, and assessed at the pound rate without regard to the number of individual addresses or covers. For the operation of the new system a handsome series of twenty-four stamps was issued, not for affixing to the newspapers or periodicals, but for affixing to the memoranda of mailing or other postal forms. The twenty-four denominations were ranged so that any multiple of the 2c or 3c per pound rate could be obtained by the use of not more than five stamps. The values, with their allegorical designs, were: 2c, 3c, 4c, 6c, 8c, and 10c, statue of America, after Crawford's statue on the dome of the Capitol; 12c, 24c, 36c, 48c, 60c, 72c, 84c, 96c, statue of Astræa or Justice; $1.92, Ceres, Goddess of Agriculture; $3, Goddess of Victory; $6, Clio, the Muse of History; $9, Minerva; $12, Vesta, Goddess of the Fireside; $24, Goddess of Peace; $36, figure representing Commerce, with caduceus in left, and a miniature ship in right hand; $48, Hebe, Goddess of Youth; $60, statue of an Indian maiden.

These stamps were printed by the Continental Bank Note Company until 1879, when the American Bank Note Company took over the contract. The printings by these two firms can be distinguished chiefly by the thin hard paper used by the earlier contractors, and the soft, porous paper used by their successors. In 1879 the uniform rate of 2 cents per pound was applied all round on newspaper and periodical matter, so the 3 cents and 9 cents denominations were discontinued. In 1885 the rate was reduced to 1 cent per pound on all such matter sent through the mails by publishers or newsagents, and a 1 cent stamp (statue of "America") was issued.

The Government department known as the Bureau of Engraving and Printing took over the manufacture of all United States adhesive postage stamps in 1894, and printed a few values of the old newspaper and periodical stamps in that year. The following year the bureau produced a series in similar designs, but with a different range of denominations, and the "cents" values were of smaller size. These were 1, 2, 5, and 10 cents (America), 25 and 50 cents (Justice), $2 (Victory), $5 (Clio), $10 (Vesta), $20 (Peace), $50 (Commerce), $100 (Indian Maiden). These were at first issued on paper without any watermark, but later they appeared on paper watermarked U. S.P.S. (United States Postal Service).

The use of special stamps for newspapers and periodicals was discontinued in 1898, and nowadays postmasters collect the postage from publishers and newsagents in money, giving receipts therefor. In 1899 the United States Post Office offered for sale to collectors 55,000 sets of reprints and remainders of the bureau's series of newspaper stamps, deriving a total income of $134,945 from this source. —*Daily Telegraph.*

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Tel., W. U. 1907, '08, '09 .....3 for .50
Telegraph W. U. 1910 ..... .30
Telegraph W. U. 1913 ..... .50
Abyssinia 1909, set of 7 ..... 2.75
Angola 1903, 65r, rare stamp 1.40
Argentine 1908, 12c buff ..... .50
Azores 1910, 10 black, error 4.00
Azores 1910, 50 rose, error 4.25
Azores Dues 1904, set of 7 ..... 1.15
Bahamas £1 CA 7.20
Bavaria 1910, 10 mark 3.10
Bavaria 1914, Set to 1 mark 1.50
Bavaria 1914, 10 mark 3.10
Belgium 1908, 5 mark 1.40
Parcel Post new values 35-55-4F-5F
(on order expected shortly).
Bermuda 1914, 3d on yellow ..... .09
Bosnia New issues complete sets.
British Guiana 1905, 2.40 scarce 7.50
Brunei 1907, 5c blue 1.30
Cameroons 1914, 5 mark watermark.... 1.55
Cape Verde Dues, both sets com. 3.70
Chile 1910, 5 peso 2.20
China 1913, Dues, new design .....Set .60
1913, Dues 1 & 2c brown surch..... .06
Junk 2.00 ..... 1.40
Costa Rica 1911, 6 surch. (86-88 to 92) 1.40
Official 1908, set of 8 (No 20 or 2n issued) 1.70
1903, Provosorio Invert 1.60
Danish West Indies 1905, 5F 1.40
Dom. Rep. 1914, Jubilee 1 to 20c..... .60
Dom. Rep. 1914, Jubilee 50 and 1.00.... 2.10
Dutch Indies 1913, 1 guld ..... .60
Java ½ to 2½ guld, comp. 3.40
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Sudwest Africa 3 mark watermark.. 1.55
China 2½ mark watermark 1.75
"Morokko" 1911, 5 mark, water'k.. 1.55
(What wants in watermarks? Have all.)
Gibraltar 1906, 2sh on blue, scarce 1.40
Gr. Britain (Turk'h) 1905, 1.30 on 4d grn 2.20
(Turkish) 1905, 1.30 on 4d yellow... 1.70
Morocco 5c to 5p, set of 11 ..... 3.50
Greece 1906, 11 to 5dr, set of 14 .....4.00
Grenada 2sh CA 1.50
2sh CAC 1.60
2sh 1906 ..... 1.00
Guadeloupe 5f 1.40
Guatemala 1912 (147-148-149) .....3 for .11
1911, 5 peso ..... .65
Guinea Republica 1908, comp., set of 15 3.60
Hayti 1906, 1 peso 1.50
1914, 3-4-7-8-10, new colors ..... .48
Honduras "Bonita" 1912 orange red 2.20
Hong Kong 1907, 2.00 CAC scarce 2.70
India high values "O. H. M. S." send list.
"George" "service" 3, ½,1, 2,4,8 .... .65
Jamaica 2sh Queen (1910) ..... .85
Kiauchou 1906, 1½ and 2½ 2.60
Lagos 1902, 6d Queen 1.50
1904, 5sh CAC 1.90
Leeward 5sh CA 1.90
5sh on yellow 1.90
Luxemburg Page complete 2 sets 6.80
Dues complete ..... .72
1914, 10c Queen ..... .03
Montserrat 5sh on yellow 1.90
Natal 5sh on yellow 2.40
New Hebrides 1sh CAC 1.30
North Borneo 1911, 2.00 ..... 1.60
Papua 1901, 4d 1.40
1907, 2sh 6d 1.50
1910, 2sh 6d Type I or II 1.00
1912, 2sh 6d rose ..... .80
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1911, same Republica 2.70
1911, 1000 surcharge 1.80
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Rio De Oro 1907, 1c to 1p, set of 11.... 5.90
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1904, 7r 4.20
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St. Vincent 1906, 5sh on yellow 2.10
Siam 1913, Large 15 ..... .60
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2sh yellow CA 2.10
£1 CA 9.25
£1 multiple (scarce) 7.50
Trinidad 1sh on green 1909 ..... .42
& Tobago 1sh on green 1912 ..... .32
Virgin Islands 5sh CA 2.10
Zanzibar 1904, 2r 1.20

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THE "ONE-LUNGER."

By Edwin B. Hill.

I have seen many men and some women with that hopeless misery in their faces which bear likewise the pariah's knowledge of doom: for this is the "Winter of our discontent," wherein the health-seeker from the East, fleeing the approaching cold, revels in the blue skies and glorious warmth of an Arizona winter. I repeat, I have seen many men—but keep me, pitying gods! from second sight of one passing face in which shone forth the hopeless longing for the home forever closed to him by reason of his affliction, and thought of the possible fate of dear ones should his life and theirs further converge.

I had known Barton Mack as boy and man; for he was from my home town. Unfortunately for him, he had not outgrown the illiberalism of youth. Our free full life did not appeal to him; and, besides, he was cursed with a certain aloofness which he could not overcome, and this, of itself, prevented the "mixing" essential to proper understanding of men and manners in the West. I had done my best, but gave him up as hopeless a fortnight before. I couldn't even interest him in stamps. This morning he passed the shack, afoot, his face studiously set against me. I did not hail him. This fact was strong on my conscience. When the sting of it was just taking hold, the inevitable cloud of dust appeared. It was a minute later that Jimmy O.' threw himself from his petted cow-pony, hurtled his way up the path to the hammock, flopped into it, and delivered himself of the single phrase, "By heck!" that expressed to him grief or anger. Then he laughed.

"Say! It sure would get you! That old cow-puncher, Jack Frazer's got an auto—I see him stickin' the spurs into it an' yellin' 'whoa! whoa!' as he went up MacDonald street, me wavin' my Scotch plaid at him an' yellin' fit to bust my lungs. I sure near got pinched by that new marshal, only the boys kidded him to a finish. An' Phil Meta, too—he's got an auto. Criminy Jims! Next we know, you'll be gettin' yours out, an' Johnny'll be buyin' one, an' the hull range'll smell o' gasoline, an'—"

Jimmy was out of breath. He rolled a cigarette, and looked quizzically at me, for my auto was taboo. I had bought "Doc" Palmer's one-lunger discard, which "Doc" declared would really go without the aid of horses, got stuck on the desert seven miles from home, and was towed ignominously into town by two gleeful cowboys, one of whom insisted upon relieving me at the steering-wheel. After that experience, I carefully locked the one-lunger in the shed and tinkered with it off and on. It had its fits and starts of going, but the fits predominated.

All of which is a stage aside.

"Anyway," resumed Jimmy, from the obscurity of cigarette smoke, "since Frevor Moore went 'hover 'ome' after sellin' his ranche to good ole Johnny Williams, an' ole Eddy Fyne's foreman, an' the red-headed girl in the postoffice is properly roped an' tied to her puncher choice—thereby deprivin' me of my light through life,—I say, friend o' mine"—

Jimmy stopped, looking expectantly down the path. Barton Mack was passing once more, reading a letter. He looked up, smiled, spoke, and passed on. Jimmy turned to me again.

"It's a bum bully old world, an' we like it lots. But me—well, breathe it not—or at least gentle-like: I'm goin' back to college—Engineerin' fer mine."

I looked incredulous.

"Yes; I shall resume my studies and my English undefiled. This tranquil life has no further charms for me. Dad has issued his call to the wild—and I have heard it."

When Jimmy sloughed his range language I knew it was generally serious. This time it was fatal.

"Before I soak up education I'm continuin' human," declared Jimmy, with his whimsical smile. "Meantime, who's your friend?"

I told poor Mack's history from the cradle to the verge of the grave.

"And, Jimmy," I said in closing, "if there's anything you can do—anything you can think up to interest him, do it. It'll save his life.

Jimmy smoked and blew rings for an hour while I read the Weekly, small ads and all. Then he broke the silence.

"Speakin' of autos, what'll you take fer yours?"

"Jimmy," I said, sadly, "if you weren't a friend of mine I'd give it to you."

"Nope. I'll lease it," declared Jimmy.

So, for the sum of one dollar, to make it legal, Jimmy O.' leased a certain Cadillac one-lunger, which I warranted not to go, and I further loaned him the use of tools and shop—garage, Jimmy insisted on calling it—for the same period. Jimmy took possession at once, and I started into the mountains that afternoon, to delve amongst some prehistoric dwellings.

Three weeks later I came into town, brown, unshaven, my clothing in rags, but rich with precious specimens of other days. A familiar chug-chug struck my ear, and behold! up the main street of Willow went my old one-lunger, Barton Mack at the wheel, Jimmy beside him.

"The holy pride of parenthood's in their systems," explained Jack Frazer, whom I encountered on the bank corner.

An hour later Jimmy came up the old path to the waiting hammock, dug up "the makin's," and when properly obscured, explained:

"You see, I knowed that boy was plumb dyin' fer somethin' to occupy his twenty-four hours, only eight of which he had to sleep in, so I thinks o' your auto. That'd keep anybody busy. Sure!"

I nodded approval.

"Then I milled around till eatin' time, an' follered 'em in to the chink's. Jack was there—an' Phil—an' Bart—all lookin' solemn as a Pima on parade. Me—I felt some swelled up.

"'Hello!' I says. 'Where's your auto, Jack?'

"'Shop,' says Jack, sour like.

"'Broke a laig, Jack? You sure'll have to shoot it.' I says. Bart snickered—fer the first time since he left home, I bet.

"Jack had to grin, an' he says: 'Well, ole scout, wait till *you* get one!'

Then Jack started to eat his soup, but I cooled it for him. I says:

"'Me? Oh, I got one, now."

Jimmy looked at me quizically.

"But I won't repeat the language them two ole bachelors used up on me when they found it was Doc's—er—former patient. But say! the kid—Bart—he flares up an' butts in; says that auto was made in his ole town—Detroit-fer-Mine—nothin' to beat it, even if it was old and honest—an' he 'lowed he'd make it go if I'd let him. Say! He showed as much interest as an over-due mortgage, an' we fed 'im plenty.

"We never stopped fer pie, even, but hit it fer the garage Say, if there's anythin' in mechanics Bart don't know, shoot me! He had to disembowel that auto an' for four days I was cleaning parts. Then he gets busy an' assembles. Go? You seen us!"

Jimmy swung back and forth, the joy of conquest in his soul. Up the path came Barton Mack, color in cheeks, and eyes alight with interest, with a warm clasp of the hand, he said:

"Can't thank you enough. If it hadn't been for 'Old Faithful' and Jimmy, here, I'd ended everything three weeks ago. Now I'll get well—the Doctor tells me so—said all I needed was to take interest"—

"He's renewed the mortgage," interrupted Jimmy, from his obscurity.

"And I love the country and the people—and the family is coming out to spend the Winter!"

Mack was happy as a boy. He had arrived!

"One of his sisters collects stamps," added Jimmy, "an' she's goin' to bring 'em with her. She's got Monaco complete, shades an' all, an' two copies o' the five francs, first issue, Bart tells me. She specializes in Monaco, he says."

"She'll give you one of them sure, Jimmy," declared Mack. "I'll make her."

Jimmy looked horror-struck; then he blushingly added:

"An' now that we're closin' these simple annals of the range, allow me to add that I'll take that course in engineerin' in little ole Ann Arbor. I'll board at Bart's."

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Herman Boers sends us a goodly batch of clippings dealing with the parcel post service. He informs us that Ernest Hack, formerly with the McGraw Stamp Co., has gone into business as a dealer in old coins, postage stamps and bills at 206 Jefferson Av., Detroit.

—A long-time subscriber calls our attention to the fact that during the past season he has written no less than five representative dealers seeking approval selections from them, upon the strength of previous purchases amounting to hundreds of dollars, only to have his communications pigeon-holed or absolutely ignored. May we remark that this is a very poor way for a dealer to build up a business.

—"As per your request of the 4th instant beg to advise that the United States Postal Agency at this point formally began the sale of stamps, issuing money orders, and registration on May 4th. However, we began the city delivery by native carriers on the previous day—the 3d."—H. M. Robinson, Postal Agent, Vera Cruz.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from S. H. Nason, R. H. Mann, Herman Boers (4).

—Mr. King, of the firm of Whitfield King & Co., has gone on a month's vacation, making a cruise to Portugal, the Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands, Gibraltar and the Mediterranean.

—We are indebted to Hugo Kuenstler for a number of clippings in relation to the parcel post service, also several others taken from papers of bygone days.

—Collectors are keen on the scent for U. S. stamps with Vera Cruz cancellation. R. G. Montgomery submits a 2c U. S. cancelled with the Mexican automatic cancellation of four wavy lines. E. A. Meehan sends clippings with postmark illustrated.

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1906, 5000 reis	2.88	..
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Transvaal 1905-7, 3, 4 or 6d	.16	1.32
1905-7, 1sh	.24	1.92
1905-7, 2sh 6d	2.88	..
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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

AN AUCTION SALE, THE PLACE TO BUY.

By MAX F. BIER.

It has always been a mystery to me why there are so many collectors and dealers who have never tried buying at auction. In my eight years experience in the stamp auction business I have found that in nearly every case when a philatelist, whether he be a collector or dealer, once can be induced to start bidding on auction sales, that he becomes a regular auction buyer. The reasons are manifold. In the first place you can bid by mail, if you live hundreds of miles away from the city where the sale is held, and you have just as much chance of securing lots as the floor bidders. Secondly, you know you will not be overcharged, as the auctioneer always starts each lot on the second highest mail bid. Then the floor bidders, and the auctioneer, with his mail bids, run the price up, until the lot in question is knocked down. As an example, if you are a mail bidder and bid $2.50 on a certain lot. The next highest bid is $1.75. The auctioneer announces $1.75 bid. The floor bidders run it up to $2.10, and the auctioneer bids $2.20 for you. As no one bids higher you get the lot at $2.20, or 30c less than your original bid. In the third place you are absolutely sure that all stamps purchased at auction are genuine, as they are always passed upon by experts before being catalogued. The auction catalogues now-a-days describe lots so carefully that you know exactly what you are buying, and in case an error is made, the lot, or lots are always returnable.

No dealer, big or small, can afford to overlook the auction sale as one of his principal sources of supply. Stock cannot be secured as cheaply anywhere as at auction. The dealer with only a moderate capital can purchase a number of lots giving a large variety of good salable stamps at an outlay of only a fraction of the amount it would require to purchase a collection that would be large enough to contain the same grade stamps.

One must remember that there are hundreds of common stamps found in all of the smaller collections, and in order to get a good variety of the better grade specimens, a collection must be fairly large. Here is where the beauty of an auction sale comes in. You can go through the catalogue and simply bid on the lots that contain the stamps you need for your own trade. For instance, such lots as Congo, 29 varieties, catalogue $5.00, Panama, 32 varieties, cataloguing $6.25, etc. These stamps are all excellent sellers and could probably be purchased at one third or one quarter of catalogue. They would never be found in the average small collection however, and if it were not for the auction sale, the smaller dealer would have no chance whatever of getting hold of such stamps.

Next in order "Collections by Countries." By this title we refer to large lots of a single country or groups of countries, such as 215 varieties Nicaragua, 170 varieties Cuba, Philippines, Porto Rico, etc. Lots like these can nearly always be purchased at one-third to one-fifth of catalogue, and sometimes even less, so it can be easily seen that they yield a good profit when broken up and placed in approval books.

Many sales contain at least a few wholesale lots, and sometimes as many as 200 or 300 can be found in a single sale. Occasionally an entire sale is devoted to these alone, but this is an exception, and only occurs when a large dealer's stock is being disposed of. Wholesale lots are of interest to every dealer. In making up approval sheets it is essential to have a quantity of each stamp, so that each specimen can be replaced on the sheet as sold.

Wholesale lots can nearly always be purchased much cheaper at auction than from any wholesale dealer, and in addition, also bear in mind that many of the stamps offered in auction sales cannot be purchased from dealers at all. Consignments of desirable stamps to be sold at auction are received over here from all parts of the world, and the wholesale dealer has to compete with the retailer to obtain them. Of course some lots are too large for the average dealer, who only requires from 10 to 100 of each stamp, but if the catalogue is looked over carefully, many lots will be found that will suit. All auction firms know just about what quantities of an individual stamp, or set of stamps, the ordinary dealer requires, and they fix up the wholesale lots accordingly. Of course it must be borne in mind that the larger a lot is, the cheaper it can be bought in proportion to its value. There is always keen competition on the smaller lots, and prices realized are usually quite good. It would be rather difficult to give any idea as to what to bid, but usually the lots realize from one-quarter to one-sixth of catalog. Sometimes of course they bring less.

I have covered the auction buying field pretty thoroughly and trust this article may be the means of inducing many, who have never before tried it, to at least give it a trial. Write to the various auction firms for catalogues and send in your bids. The probabilities are that after the first purchase, you will become one of the large army of auction buyers which firmly believes that an auction sale is the place for both dealer and collector to buy.

KING GEORGE AS A PHILATELIST.

His Majesty has invited the delegates of the Philatelic Congress meeting in London to visit Windsor Castle, but they will not have the pleasure of seeing his remarkably fine collection of stamps. This collection, on the compilation of which His Majesty has been engaged for many years, has not yet been arranged for display, and it is probable that E. Denny Bacon, the royal stamp curator, will be occupied for several years more before it is ready. Mr. Bacon is also superintending the arrangement of the collection of the Prince of Wales, who, like his father, is an enthusiastic collector.

Though the King is one of the greatest enthuiasts in the country regarding stamps, it must not be thought that His Majesty is one of those who allows desire to outrun discretion. He is always willing to consider desirable additions to his store—one of the chief firms of dealers sent three hundred pounds worth of rare stamps on approval to Buckingham Palace only a few days ago—but he is gradually weeding out those which he no longer requires. For instance, last week His Majesty sent stamps to the value of eighty pounds to his dealer to be sold, and in this, as in other matters, he shows sound sense and judgment, for he knows the proper price for every stamp.

When His Majesty's collection is finally arranged it will be found to be the most complete collection of stamps of the Empire in the world.—*Manchester* (Eng.) *Courier.*

INQUIRES ABOUT STAMPS.

It was an Englishman who called attention to the legend on the Red Cross stamps that are sold with postage stamps by the mechanical vendors on the desk at the Wolcott.

"Relief Prevention," he read. "I say," he remarked to the clerk, "what's the sense in preventing relief?"

"I think," suggested the clerk, "it should be read, 'Relief, comma or dash, Prevention'."

"Then, why doesn't it? I would wager the machines lose many a tuppence ha'penny because people have to puzzle that motto out."

"I guess everybody is not so literal, or else doesn't read the motto," remarked the clerk later. "Those machines do a big business."—N. Y. *Times.*

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9	1902-03, 2c block 4, center line, un'd	1.40
10	1908-09, 13c block 4 unused	1.20
11	1909 Lincoln, 2c bluish p, block 4 unused	1.00
12	Unpaid 1879, 5c strip 3 unused	3.00
13	Parcel Post Dues 1c (50) superb	..
14	2c (50) superb	..
15	5c (25) superb	..
16	10c (20) superb	..
17	1, 2, 5, 10c, superb	..
18	Executive 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, "Specimen"	..
19	Justice 2c, unused	3.00
20	1,3,10, small piece corner gone	4.75
21	Navy 10c. Treasury 7c, used	3.25
22	Revenue No.2987 rouletted, No.2990	5.50
23	Confederate on 4 original covers, Nos. 200, 201, 203, 211	2.30
24	Canada 1852, 6p used	8.00
25	1892-93, 8c imperf. unused	8.50
26	1859, 5c beaver (50)	4.00
27	1897 Maple Leaf and 1898 complete, some unused, face 37c	1.97
28	1903-08 complete, six unused	.87
29	1908 Quebec complete unused	1.76
30	1897 Maple Leaf, 5c (100)	4.00
31	8c (35)	2.80
32	1898 Numeral, 10c (10)	1.20
33	1899, 2c on 3c, No. 84 (100)	3.00
34	1897 Jubilee 1c (100)	5.00
35	3c (100)	2.00
36	1902, 7c (10)	1.20
37	1903-08 Edward, 10c (90)	2.70
38	1908 Quebec, 1c (70)	2.10
39	7c (15)	2.25
40	Br. Columbia 1861, 2½p surcharged R. I., unused	..
41	N. Brunswick 3p canceled "Paid," tear	5.00
42	1860, 1, 5, 10, 12½, 17	2.35
43	5c olive green used	1.00
44	New Foundland 1866, 2, 10; 1867, 3; 1876, 3	4.10
45	1897, Jubilee 3c (20)	2.00
46	Nova Scotia 1860-64, 2, 5, 10, used	2.40
47	Danish W. I. 1873-96, 1,3,4,5,10, unused	2.55
48	Dominica 1874, 1p unused	1.75
49	1877-79, ½ unused, 1p used	2.50
50	4p used	1.25
51	6p; 1883, 2½p red brown, heavily cancelled	6.25
52	1886, ½ on 6p, 1 on 1sh, unused	1.60
53	1883-90, ½, ½, 1, 1, 4, 2½	2.58
55	Great Britain 1883-84, 1 pound, some perfs. cut	8.50
56	Hawaii 1883-86, 10c verm., pair un'd	2.50
57	12c, pair unused	4.50
58	1893 red sur., comp. un'd excepting 10c red brown & 12c red lilac	4.46
59	red sur. 12c red lilac unused	5.00
60	black sur. 2,10,10,15,18, unused	2.27
61	Jamaica 1860-63, 4p; 1871, 1p unused, 2, 3, 4, 6	4.85
62	Leeward Is. 1890 complete, except 5sh, unused	3.15
63	Straits Settlements 1868, 12c No. 14a, 24, 30	3.35
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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

ALBANIA.—The Scanderbeg portrait stamps have been overprinted, "7 Mars" obliquely, and "1467 RROFTE MBRETI 1914" in a curve at the bottom, all in violet. As Prince William has been driven to the protection of the foreign warships, it is probable that the issue of stamps with his portrait will be indefinitely postponed.

AUSTRALIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* is informed that the large "O S" for perforating official stamps leads to a large amount of tearing. Therefore a smaller punch is to be substituted, the 2d value having already been issued with the smaller letters.

BAHAMAS.—The *Colonial Journal* states that the King Edward stamps will be withdrawn from circulation on the first of June.

BAVARIA.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 5pf and 10pf of the new set printed tete beche. This is done so that the stamps can be conveniently bound into booklets, as was done for the Swiss booklets. The pages have an occasional blank to make the change come right. All pfennig values, from 3 to 80pf, can be bought in rolls of 500 or 1000 stamps, the extra charge being 11pf or 22pf respectively.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 24c value in the new King George type. New stamps of 60c and 96c value have also been supplied to the Colony, the latter being on tinted paper with white back.

Adhesive.

24c lilac and green.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—The ½d and 1d values have been supplied, inscribed "Postage and Revenue," and plates are being prepared for the remainder of the set, according to the *Colonial Journal.*

EPIRUS.—Philately is hearing the echoes from the latest outbreak in the Balkans, the Epirotes having issued a series of stamps. The design shows an Epirote holding his gun ready for firing. The 10l and 25l values read "Epirus" at the top and the others, "Autonomos Epirus." These stamps have zigzag rouletting.

Adhesives.

1l orange.
5l green.
10l rose carmine.
25l deep blue.
50l brown.

GIBRALTAR. — *Morocco Agencies.* — The current 1d stamp of England has been surcharged for use at the Morocco Agencies in an entirely new form. "Morocco" reads up on the left and "Agencies" down on the right. The value "10 centimos" is printed in two lines at the extreme bottom.

Adhesive.

On stamps of Great Britain.
"10 centimos" on 1d scarlet.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Our English friends are showing great interest in the position of the watermarks. For instance, *Ewen's Weekly* lists two complete sets of the new postage due stamps, with cipher watermark to right or left as may be.

GREECE.—*Ewen's Weekly* quotes the *Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung* as chronicling a new value lithographed. The 20l is the latest to be thus issued, the color being deep violet.

GUINEA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new Ceres type stamps for this Colony. The values and colors are the same as for Portugal.

HONDURAS.—Whitfield King & Co. report having found a full sheet of the 10c on 6c provisional, recently chronicled, with double surcharge.

HONG KONG.—As noted some time since, the current Hong Kong stamps are appearing on surface tinted paper, the 50c and $5 values being reported by Whitfield King & Co.

INHAMBANE.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new stamps for this Colony in the Ceres type. The values and colors are the same as for the mother country.

LUXEMBURG.—The new series of stamps, with portrait of the Grand Duchess, Marie Adelaide, has begun to appear. The 10c, the first value received, has come to hand from Whitfield King & Co. and the New England Stamp Co. The portrait of the Grand Duchess, who is both young and pretty, is in a large upright oblong opening, surmounted by a Crown, which touches the upper frame line. At either side the words "Grand" "Duché" appear, and across the bottom, "De Luxembourg," both lines in double-lined letters. Small squares are placed in the corners above the name of the country, with "10" at the left and "C" at the right, in colorless characters. Above these squares the portrait is framed at the side by wide bands of ornamental work. The stamps are printed on wove paper, and perforated 11¼x11.

Adhesive.

10c claret.

MALTA.—The 1d value in the new King George set has come to hand from Whitfield King & Co. It is in the Grenada Type.

Adhesive.

1d carmine.

MEXICO.—Paul W. Riedell has shown us a full set of the Sonora stamps, issued by the Constitutionalists in Northern Mexico. The stamp proper is of small size, 19x23 mm., but there is a talon, 19x10 mm., below, probably for use as a fiscal stamp. Mr. Riedell calls them officials. The sign shows the statue of Justice holding the sword and scales surrounded by a circle, with "Gobierno Constitucionalista." Above the circle is a curved tablet with "Mexico," and another below has "Pesos" or "Centavos," with the value in figures in the lower corners in scrolled openings. The talon has a similar arrangement of the words "Mexico" and "Pesos" or "Centavos," but the figures of value take the place of the statue in a small circle in the centre. The stamps are unwatermarked, printed on white wove paper and perforated 12, the talon being separated from the body of the stamp by a line of rouletting.

Official Adhesives.

1c rose.
2c pale emerald green.
3c orange.
5c red.
10c dark green.
25c pale blue.
50c yellow.
1p purple.
5p olive gray.
10p dark brown.
50p violet.
100p blue.

NEW ZEALAND.—The *Australian Philatelist* states that the old 2sh blue fiscal is now printed on chalk-surfaced paper, and is being used as a postage stamp in place of the pictorial stamp of this value previously in use. It is perforated 14x14½.

NIGERIA.—The *Colonial Journal* says that the new stamps have been shipped. They are of the same design as the current Northern Nigeria stamps, the 3d, 4d, 1sh, 5sh and 10sh being on tinted paper with white back.

SAMOS.—Owing to a shortage of stamps, 3400 to 4000 sets of the second issue have been surcharged "Ellas" in Greek characters, the values so treated being 1l, 5l, 10l, 25l and 50l. The above is translated by *Ewen's Weekly* from *Die Post.*

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The 7-cent stamp, bearing a picture of George Washington, is a cross between steel gray and fashionable taupe.

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The color of the 12-cent stamp is a mixture of the popular mahogany and deep orchid shades.

Alice blue is the only name that could be given the 20-cent stamp. The 30-cent stamp's color closely resembles the new tango yellow or dead-maple-leaf brown. —Chicago *Record-Herald.*

OFFERINGS IN NEW ISSUES.

The gap made by the withdrawal of the firm of W. H. Peckitt from the field of new issue dealing is being rapidly filled, and our columns this week reflect the activity in this direction. The firms of Whitfield King & Co., Hugo Griebert & Co., and Bright & Son are all catering with a marked degree of success to American trade. Many American firms are also branching out in this direction.

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CULTIVATING TRADE.

By P. C. SMITH.

In cultivating trade the average dealer is at somewhat of a disadvantage from the fact that his dealings with his customers must be entirely done through the medium of the mail. A man selling goods, who can come in personal contact with his patrons immediately brings to bear his personality and a careful successful salesman sees to it that this is always of such good quality that it makes a favorable impression.

In the case of the stamp merchant his introduction to his customer is done by his letter and merchandise. If clean, neat and shows careful study it will demand and receive attention.

Recently a friend of the writer applied for membership in one of the larger Philatelic Societies and his name was published in its official organ with the result a numerous supply of approval offerings have been received. We have looked these over together and of twenty different lots only two were put up so as to demand attention. The other eighteen were dirty, prices crossed out and marked over, stamps in very poor condition, priced above catalog and other faults too numerous to mention. They were all returned as received and rightly so.

If the dealers expect these lots will attract trade they have made a very wrong calculation as it is a clear case of a poor salesman approaching a purchaser with an unattractive appearance and a poor business card. The writer has sent out many approval selections and it has always been the practice to make them as pleasing as possible and the result is that we have numerous letters in our file congratulating us on their neat looks. We recall one letter where the receiver considered our prices a little higher than some others but noted that they were so attractive that they could not help buying from them.

It has been the practice of some dealers when a remittance is sent in excess of what is due either through error or oversight to let it pass without noticing it; but by always calling your patron's attention to it you make a friend and one who will remember you as one also who is "square as a die."

This kind of advertising goes farther than any other kind and puts you down as one who is strictly honest in your dealings.

Sell what you have to offer at a reasonable profit and do not make one standard of price. For example if a stamp costs you 10% of catalog you are able and should offer it at a much less price than what costs you 30%. Some men last in the stamp business for a short time and then you hear of them no more, for this reason, that they do not apply business principle to their trading. Your customers have an idea of what the market offers and if you are going to hold them your prices must be right. If they buy a set of stamps of you today for $1.00 and a few weeks later another dealer offers them for 75c you will find they will go where they can buy to the best advantage.

Be prompt. Make your replies on or before the next day if possible. Promptness is a great factor in cultivating trade.

There are times when a little personal interest in the patron will help the dealer wonderfully.

We know of a case where a packet of stamps was given to a Y. M. C. A. Boys' stamp club with the result that the members became excellent customers and drew other trade by speaking a word to other collectors in the city. A little personal interest goes a long way in establishing permanent trade relations.

Just a few rules to follow: (1) Be prompt. (2) Make your offerings attractive, clean and inviting. (3) Be strictly honest. Don't take a cent that does not belong to you. (4) Study your customers and watch for opportunities to make them friends. (5) Keep a card index and know your patrons' needs and wants. (6) Remember while money is needful in business it is not always the chief factor towards success.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 7:30 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., May 19, 1914.

The 314th (regular) meeting was held at the Club Room this evening with 27 members and friends present. In the absence of President Barry, Vice-President Barrett occupied the chair.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of $314.46 on hand. The resignation of No. 360 was read and accepted. A letter from Mrs. Jesse W. Sargent was read. The names of Messrs. Frank L. Coes and Geo. R. Armstrong were presented as applicants for membership. Sr. Samuel Giberga was elected as Member No. 593. The receipt of the Year Book of the Southern Philatelic Association was acknowledged.

The Chairman announced that the guest of the evening, our Honorary Member, Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack, was unfortunately kept away by sickness, but that four volumes of his magnificent collection, including the early Uruguays and Victorias, would be on view. These proved of very great interest to those present, not only in the remarkable showing of specimens but in the great amount of research work done on them. A unanimous vote of thanks, coupled with regret for his illness and absence, was passed to Mr. Pack.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

UNDOOLEY ON STAMP AUCTIONS.

By CHARLES H. FOWLE.

"Did I understand ye to say ye attinded a sthamp auction whin ye were East?" asked Finnerty.

"I did that an' siveral since," says Undooley.

"What are they like?" asked Finnerty.

"Same's any auction, to be sure; only the goods are pretty lightweight. A few pounds of sthamps will bring as much as $1,000," says Undooley.

"Is it possible?" says Finnerty.

"It's a fact," says Undooley. "I'll till ye about wan I attinded last week. Niver moind where it were, for I hav' no wish to advertise any wan sale over another, but it's enough for ye to know I wur thar. It were quite a distance to the hall, an' on the way I passed a number of me old resorts, so I dropped in now an' thin to hav' a chat an' a drop or two. Whin I got thar I found a few wild-eyed men looking over the goods, an' the auctioneer was drumming on the desk an' waiting to be told to go ahead. A few more dropped in, an' at jist 7.30 the slaughter began. The first lots were United Sthates, an' a man named 'Order' bought most of thim, though I couldn't make out where he sat an' I didn't hear him bid. Finally some of the rest of the push jined in an' I thought I would catch on, too. A set of Treasury stamps was put up an' some wan bid on thim wan dollar tin. I says 'wan fifteen' an' they raised me, an' I bid siveral times. Finally I bid wan eighty an' thin wan eighty-five. 'Ye are bidding agin yerself,' says the auctioneer. 'I couldn't bid agin a better man,' says I. 'You go on an' sell the sthamps an' I'll do the bidding. They were knocked down to me for two forty-five.

"'Stuck again,' says a man named Wisdom. 'Ye're a liar,' says I, for 'tis the first I've bought 'tween you an' me, Finn. That fellow attinds ivery sale for fear some other mon might git a bargain. Why, he nearly died 'cause wan got away from him that night."

"How's that?" says Finnerty.

"Ye see, they put up some entires. I thought I would have a try at thim, for ye git more for ye money. 'I have no bid on these,' says the auctioneer; 'a fine bunch of entires, cat. $8.50. What am I offered?'

"No one spoke at first, but pretty soon Wisdom says '15 cents.' Now, me bhoy, says I to meself, I'll git aven with ye, so I bid $2.25, an' they was knocked down to me; the poor fellow lost a bargain, 'cause I threw me money away jist to throw him, an' I think he would have gone as high as 30 cents if I had coaxed him on. He nearly fell off his chair, but after awhile got over it an' bid 10 cents on a $20 sthamp which was a bit heavily canceled.

"Pretty soon they put up a fine sthamp which cat. $30. It was passed 'round for us to squint at an' was knocked down for $7.55, but whin they tried to find it they couldn't, an' some wan remimbered that a stranger, who sat near the door, asked to see it an' went out soon after.

"Well, they sthopped the sale an' made a rule that no sthamps could be passed down to the floor unless ye deposited ye watch with the auctioneer," says Undooley.

"What time is it?" says Finnerty.

"Ah, ye sly divil, I hav' me watch yit," says Undooley.

"It's smart ye are to kape the watch and sthamps, too," says Finnerty.

"You don't mean to insinerate that I'd take a sthamp without paying for it, do ye?" says Undooley.

"Av course not; ye hav' the watch," says Finnerty. "That's proof ye didn't have the chanst."

Undooley looked hard at Finnerty for a moment and then continued, "I got a fine lot of Frinch connollys; Deadder; Port Said."

"Said what?" says Finnerty.

"Congo, Vathy, Zanzibar."

"Who's bar?" says Finnerty.

"Bargains," says Undooley, "an' I got a big thing on Iceland; also a pretty smooth thing in Greece an' a fat lot of Turkeys, a good, strong lot of Bermudas, a pretty good Chili snap, a little Mecklenburg-Schwerin."

"Ah! there was swearin' as well as staling at the auction," says Finnerty.

"Some Obock——"

"Bock's the stuff for me," says Finnerty.

"A good bunch of Sea-shells, a rather broken lot of China, a bunch of Fijis."

"Any Hottentots?" says Finnerty.

"See here, Finn, you're such a funny man, I guess you came from Funchal."

"Wrong again," says Finnerty. "Nyassa."

"If you were the *nigh ass a,* I suppose Balaam's was the off one, eh, Finn, me bye!" says Undooley.

"Let up," says Finnerty; "I kim over on the same ship with ye."

"Not on the same deck," says Undooley.

"Hold on, now," says Finnerty.

"Ye were in the hold," says Undooley.

"What's the steer ye are giving me now?" says Finnerty.

"Steerage," says Undooley.

"Ye're too smart for me," says Finnerty. "What else did ye git at the auction?"

"There was some văudeville," says Undooley.

"Dancing and kicking?" says Finnerty.

"Lots of kicking," says Undooley; "but it want no use, for they were sold without recourse."

"What's that mean?" says Finnerty.

"Why, ye pays for what ye don't git: that is, it's like a grab-bag; the bigger the bunch the worse ye are stuck. I bought 5,000 foreign sthamps—some damaged—for $3, for I thought the perfect wans would be worth that, an' ivery wan was somewhat damaged. Thin I got a lot of mixed Cuban rivinues for a dollar, an' the only thing mixed about thim was the fact that the torn wans were mixed in with the few which were not torn."

"Couldn't ye claim damages?" asked Finnerty.

"Not whin ye buy without recourse. The only way to do in that case is to lay for the dealer outside an' recourse to violence," says Undooley. "Thin I got a couple of essays on onion skins."

"That's a good, strong subject. Who wrote thim?" says Finnerty.

"It's a wonder that little head of yours should hold so many fool questions," says Undooley.

"Git anything else?" asked Finnerty.

"No, but wan countryman went home awful mad. He bought a lot which was catalogued a lot of U. S. entire—gave up $5 for it, because he thought it meant the entire lot of U. S. sthamps from the beginning and got a big bundle of green and red 2-cent-entires same as ye can fish out of any waste-basket. He wanted to lick the auctioneer."

"What did they do about it?" asked Finnerty.

"Made him a present of a package of 1,000 stickers, an' he went home to lick them," says Undooley.

"Was iverybody satisfied?" asked Finnerty.

"Well, I'll tell ye what," says Undooley. "I think, as a rule, iverybody is satisfied after an auction—the dealer, especially if he is the owner of a good many lots, is satisfied, because he has turned into money a good many unsalable goods; the big buyers, because each one thinks he has found in his lots a sthamp or two which is catalogued wrong and he has stuck the owner; the small buyers, because they think if they had bought more they would have got stuck worse; the bargain-hunters, because they have some very high-priced but damaged, sthamps for a mere song; the fellows who didn't get anything, because they have saved their money for So-and-So's sale, which will be so much better; the auctioneer, because he has his price and escaped with his life; the clerks, because they got away before any wan discovered the mistakes in their bills; the janitor, because he was just in time to hold up the dealer an' git his rint, an' the very walls are glad it's all over an' they can hav' a rist from 'original gum' an', 'gentlemen, this is a bargain.' But I tell ye, Finn, ye wouldn't belave there were so many men who are as honest as ye are, who come up to ye after an auction an' tell ye how they have stuck the dealer or owner of the sthamps. Why, a good, big man will take ye off into a corner an' say: 'Git on to this; here is a lot I bought for wan fifty, an' here is wan sthamp which they hav' marked 30 cents, which should be $8.50; it's No. 22b, instead of straight 22.' An' another fellow will tell ye: 'Here is a lot which they foot up $2.23 should be $12.23. I got it for 80 cents'."

"Av course they tell the dealer," says Finnerty.

"It wouldn't be safe to," says Undooley.

"Why not?" says Finnerty.

"If a man should tell a dealer after an auction that he had got something in which the mistake was against the owner, the dealer would drop dead; an' ye wouldn't hav' murder on ye soul, would ye?"

"Well, suppose the mistake is against the buyer?" asked Finnerty.

"If it wasn't but 10 cents," says Undooley, "he'd chase the dealer five blocks to git even with him."

"It's a funny world," says Finnerty. It's lucky you and I are honest."

"Ye can bet it is," says Undooley. "An' if it wasn't for corrupting yer innercent soul I'd tell ye how I stuck the dealer."

"Good night, my honest friend," says Finnerty.

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THE STAMPS OF PRUSSIA.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

Prussia is a kingdom of the German Empire stretching from Russia in the east to Holland in the west, and from the Baltic Sea in the north to Bohemia and Lorraine in the south. It has an area of 134,622 square miles and a population of about forty millions. While it is essentially an agricultural country its mines are of considerable importance and its manufacturing industries are very extensive. It is also important educationally for within its borders are no less than eleven famous universities. Prussia is a constitutional and hereditary monarchy. The king alone exercises the executive; the legislative power he shares with the two houses of parliament—the House of Magnates and the Chamber of Deputies. The former numbers 310 members, and the latter 433 who are elected indirectly by the people. Prussia, in common with most other European states and kingdoms, has had an eventful history which can be traced back through many centuries. The fortune of war had added to and taken from its dominions until in the eighteenth century it suffered so many reverses that it became an easy prey to French domination. Until 1813, reduced to a shadow of its former self, it suffered numerous indignities at the hands of the French which have never been forgotten. In 1813, however, with the defeat and imprisonment of Napoleon, it commenced a new era of prosperity which has continued and expanded to the present day. By the Congress of Vienna much of its old territory was restored and many new provinces were added. From this date the people were imbued with a new spirit of nationality and began to dream of a United German Empire. The first step towards German unity was taken when Prussia united several north German States in a customs union, or Zollverein, which was shortly afterwards joined by nearly all Germany. By taking the lead in this matter the influence of Prussia was greatly increased. Frederick William IV (1840-61), during whose reign postage stamps were first issued, made Berlin a centre of learning and natural science; but he refused to grant his subjects a constitution, and held extravagant views regarding royalty. The revolutionary movements in 1848, however, caused him to modify his convictions. A national assembly was summoned to meet at Berlin on May 22nd. 1848, and the king prepared a new constitution. Simultaneously war broke out with Denmark over the Schleswig-Holstein question; and Frederick William in 1849 tried to unite the German states under the leadership of Prussia. This attempt to seize the foremost place in Germany was at once resisted by Austria, and for a time civil war seemed imminent. The year after his accession William I (1861-88) appointed Bismark his prime minister and minister of foreign affairs. The joint attack of Prussia and Austria on Denmark in 1864, and the conquest of the duchies of Schleswig and Holstein, only served to accentuate the hostility of the courts of Berlin and Vienna, and in 1866 the question of the leadership of Germany was fought out. Ever since the days of Frederick the Great that question had awaited solution, and it was settled by the victory of the Prussians at Sadowa or Königgrätz on July 3rd, 1866. All the states north of the Main formed the North German Confederation under the leadership of Prussia. But it required a foreign war to complete German unity. In 1870 the Franco-Prussian war broke out, France being alarmed at the growth of Prussia. The south German states remained true to King William; France was invaded and after the battle of Sedan Napoleon surrendered. The war brought out a strong feeling among the German states for a closer union, and on January 18th, 1871, at Versailles, King William was solemnly proclaimed German Emperor. The tendency in Germany since 1870 has been to make Prussia more powerful and it has taken a leading part in colonial expansion, and in the establishment of a powerful navy.

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Up to 10 German miles, 1 silbergroschen.
From 10 to 20 German miles, 2 silbergroschen.
Above 20 German miles, 3 silbergroschen.

Heavier letters were charged according to weight; the registration fee was fixed at 2 silbergroschen, and a commission of ½sgr was charged on packets and money orders. It was also announced that stamps would be prepared but it was not until October 30th, 1850, that a circular from the Minister of Trade and Works fixed the issue of the stamps to the public to take place on November 15th, 1850. At that time the currency consisted of the thaler (equal to about 72c) divided into thirty silbergroschen, each of which in turn consisted of twelve pfennige. The first set consisted of four values—6pf, 1, 2 and 3sgr. The 6pf stamp was largely used in payment for the charge for delivering letters. This charge was fixed at ½sgr (6pf) where there was a post office and 1sgr for other places. When letters were called for no delivery charge was made. Shortly after the issue of these stamps the German-Austrian Postal Union was formed for the interchange of correspondence between Austria and various German states. It was chiefly due to Prussia that this Union was made possible—this being the first of many progressive steps taken by the kingdom in the interests of increased postal efficiency. On May 1st, 1856, a 4pf stamp was issued for the prepayment of matter sent under wrapper. In 1857 the silbergroschen values were printed by typography instead of line-engraving, the motive for the change being that of economy. In 1858, the first design was reverted to and unwatermarked paper was introduced; in 1861, following the accession of King William I, a new series bearing the Prussian coat-of-arms appeared; and in 1866 two high values were introduced for use on heavy packets. In 1867 a set of five values in kreuzer currency was issued, these being for use in the states served by the Thurn and Taxis administration, the management of which Prussia had taken over from July 1st, 1867. On the formation of the North German Confederation on Jan. 1st, 1868, Prussia ceased to issue its individual stamps.

The First Issue.

The first set of Prussian stamps, as announced in the *Official Circular* of October 30th, 1850, were issued on November 15th of that year. The set consisted of four different values—6pf, 1, 2, and 3 silbergroschen—by means of which the various postal rates then availing could be easily made up. All four stamps are similar in design and show a profile portrait of King William IV, with head to right, on a ground of lines cross-hatched horizontally and vertically. The portrait is enclosed within a rectangular frame inscribed "FREIMARKE" at the top and with the value in words at the bottom. The side borders are filled with oak-leaf ornamentation, there are small crosses in the upper angles, and in the lower corners are the numerals of value. The design and necessary dies were the work of Eduard Eichens, a Berlin engraver. It appears that two designs were submitted and that the one chosen was modified to some extent before the dies were engraved. I cannot do better than quote from Mr. Ralph Wedmore's interesting article in the *Stamp Lover* for May, 1910, on this point, viz:—

"He (Eduard Eichens) made two silver point drawings. One showed a bust of the King, almost full face, on a shaded background, with a single-lined rectangular frame, with the inscription at foot 1 SGR. KPGA (1 Silbergroschen, Königl. Preuss. General—Post—Amt.), and the figure 1 in a triangle in each of the upper corners. The other showed a bust of the King in profile to the right, on a black ground, in a double-lined frame, with the inscriptions K POST A at the top, EIN SILB GR. at the foot and the figure 1 in each of the lower corners. These two drawings may be seen at the Post Office Museum in Berlin by anyone who visits that city. This second design was substantially approved of, and Eichens thereupon engraved it upon steel, but with the word POSTMARKE at the top and no indication of value at foot.

"I have not seen the die, which is in the Postal Museum in Berlin, but it seems highly probable that this original die was used for making the stamps issued in 1850. In Captain Ohrt's book on the stamps of Prussia the suggestion is made that an entirely new die, bearing only the head of the King and the lined background, was engraved and used for making the 6pf, 1, 2, and 3sgr stamps. Enlargements of these four stamps and of the 4pf of 1856 show very great similarity, the only notable point of difference being that on the 4pf stamp the features of the King are sharper, which makes the face look smaller. A comparison of the stamps themselves will show that the lines of shading on the 4pf stamp, although much finer, are practically identical in form and position with those on the other values. The 4pf stamp has a softer appearance, due to the fine dots between the lines of shading, which themselves are for the most part broken into dots. Another marked point of difference is that on the 4pf stamp the oak leaves are neatly drawn, whereas on the other values they are merely indicated by dashes.

"Failing positive proof to the contrary I suggest that the following method was employed. Impressions from the original die were taken on soft steel rollers, and the fine dots between the lines of shading partially removed. The roller was then hardened, and a rather faint impression taken on four soft steel blocks, one for each of the required values. The word POSTMARKE at the top was then carefully erased, and FREIMARKE engraved in its place. The border, with oak leaves, and the lines of shading, were then engraved on each of the four dies, following the faintly impressed lines of the roller impression but with bolder effect. The top of the head and forehead are outlined, whereas on the original die this was not the case, as may be seen by reference to a 4pf stamp. The figures and words of value were then added. The foregoing theory seems all the more probable since there are slight differences in the lines of the hair and the shading lines on the face in each of the values 6pf, 1, 2, and 3sgr. The differences are not of such a nature as to suggest that each stamp was independently engraved, but are such as would arise when strengthening existing lines on a die.

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3 silbergroschen, No. 10

These numbers probably belong to a series referring to the plates made by Eichens, or the firm with which he worked. The only other number we know of is plate No. 13, which was used for the 1 silbergroschen.

The paper was hand made, watermarked with branches of laurel forming a wreath, and it was manufactured by Ebart Brothers of Berlin. The group of 150 watermarks was enclosed within a single-line frame broken on the four sides for the following watermarked inscription: "FREIMARKEN — DER — KOENIGL. PREUSS—POST" (Postage Stamps of the Royal Prussian Post).

The impression was on white paper for the 6 pfennige and on colored paper for the other denominations. There are fairly well marked shades of the 6pf and 3sgr values, but the other differ hardly at all.

Mr. Wedmore tells us "the stamps were printed in hand presses, the printing plates being warmed and the paper damped. The sheets of stamps printed from warmed plates were ready for gumming 24 hours later, without undergoing any special drying process. The gum consisted of two parts arabic, ¾ parts dextrine, and ¼ part animal glue, with the addition of a small quantity of white lead, and was applied by hand with a soft wide brush. The sheets were laid between boards, which had narrow strips of wood at either end to keep each layer apart until they were dry, and then placed between warmed millboards and put in a press for several hours to flatten them."

As the State Printing Office did not exist until January 1st, 1853, the early supplies of these stamps were printed under contract by a Berlin copper-plate printer whose name seems to be unknown.

The State Printing Office soon became a very important establishment and in subsequent years printed stamps for many of the German States as well as those of Prussia itself. In many cases, too, the emissions of Prussia served as a guide and pattern as to color and value for the issues of many of its neighbours. To quote from a short article in the *Stamp Collectors' Magazine* from the pen of Mr. Overy Taylor, "in matters postal Berlin was the capital of Germany long before she assumed that position politically, and it is to the credit of the Prussian administration that for a long period it vindicated its right to direct the postal service of the Confederation by the intelligence with which it seized on improvements and led the way in every useful innovation."



Reference List.

1850. Wmk. Laurel wreath. Imperf.
1. 6pf vermilion, Scott's No. 2 or 2a.
2. 1sgr black on rose, Scott's No. 3.
3. 2sgr black on blue, Scott's No. 4.
4. 3sgr black on yellow, Scott's No. 5 or 5a.

(To be continued.)

TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE OF HAYTI.

A Glimpse of the Career of the Great Negro General.

To know something about the men represented on postage stamps is always of interest. There is on the 2c stamp of Hayti, 1904, jubilee issue to commemorate the establishment of the Republic in 1804, a portrait of Toussaint L'Ouverture. Of him in an extract from Wendell Phillips' famous speech on the great negro general, we glean the subjoined highly pathetic passages. It must be remembered that Toussaint was fighting for the freedom of Hayti against the French under Leclerc.

Returning to the hills, he issued the only proclamation which bears his name and breathes vengeance: "My children, France comes to make us slaves. God gave us liberty; France has no right to take it away. Burn the cities, destroy the harvest, tear up the roads with cannon, poison the wells, show the white man the hell he comes to make" and he was obeyed.

It is true, the scene grows bloodier as we proceed. But, remember, the white man fitly accompanied his infamous attempt to *reduce freemen to slavery* with every bloody and cruel device that bitter and shameless hate could invent.



Beaten in the field, the French then issued proclamations saying, "We do not come to make you slaves; this man Toussaint tells you lies. Join us, and you shall have the rights you claim." They cheated every one of his officers, and finally he was left alone. He then sent word to Leclerc, "I will submit. I could continue the struggle for years—could prevent a single Frenchman from safely quitting your camp. But I hate bloodshed. I have fought only for the liberty of my race. Guarantee that, I will submit and come in." He took the oath to be a faithful citizen; and on the same crucifix Leclerc swore that he should be faithfully protected, and that the island should be free. As the French general glanced along the line of his splendidly equipped troops, and saw, opposite, Toussaint's ragged, ill-armed followers, he said to him, "L'Ouverture, had you continued the war, where could you have got arms?" "I would have taken yours," was the Spartan reply. But he was too dangerous to be left at large. So they summoned him to attend a council.

Of Toussaint, Hermona, the Spanish general, who knew him well, said, "He was the purest soul God ever put into a body." Of him history bears witness, "He never broke his word." Maitland was travelling in the woods to meet Toussaint, when he was met by a messenger and told that he was betrayed. He went on, and met Toussaint, who showed him two letters—one from the French general, offering him any rank if he would put Maitland in his power, and the other his reply. It was, "Sir, I have promised the Englishman that he shall go back." Let it stand, therefore, that the negro, truthful as a knight of old, was cheated by his foe.

The moment he entered the room, the officers drew their swords, and told him he was prisoner; and one young lieutenant who was present says, "He was not at all surprised, but seemed very sad." They put him on shipboard and weighed anchor for France. As the island faded from his sight, he turned to the captain, and said, "You think you have rooted up the tree of liberty, but I am only a branch; I have planted the tree so deep that all France can never root it up." Arrived in Paris, he was flung into jail, and Napoleon I sent his secretary, Caffarelli, to him, supposing he had buried large treasures. He listened awhile, then replied, "Young man, it is true I have lost treasures, but they are not such as you come to seek." He was then sent to the Castle of St. Joux, to a dungeon twelve feet by twenty, built wholly of stone, with a narrow window, high up on the side, looking out on the snows of Switzerland. In winter, ice covers the floor; in summer, it is damp and wet. In this living tomb the child of the sunny tropics was left to die. The commandant allowed him five francs a day for food and fuel. Napoleon heard of it, and reduced the sum to three. The luxurious usurper, who complained that the English Government was stingy because it allowed him only six thousand dollars a month, stooped from his throne to cut down a dollar to a half, and still Toussaint did not die quick enough. In this tomb Toussaint was buried. Finally, the commandant was told to go into Switzerland, to carry the keys of the dungeon with him, and to stay four days; when he returned, Toussaint was found starved to death.

four values in question, and that the frame with oak leaves and the inscription at top (and, of course, the values at foot) were separately engraved on each of these secondary dies, as may be proved by small differences, which are common to all stamps of each value."

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EDITORIAL.

Convention Proclamation—The convention of the American Philatelic Society will be held beginning Tuesday, August 11th, 1914, at Niagara Falls, New York, according to the announcement of President Coolidge. The opportunity is taken to mention casually that among the members appointed to serve on the committee on credentials are W. H. Barnum of Cleveland and C. E. Severn of Chicago; and the fact that Messrs. Barnum and Severn attended the last convention held at Niagara Falls in 1894 is an excuse for a few reminiscences of twenty years ago. Incidentally, we repeat that the committee on arrangements is one of admirable personnel with Julian Park as chairman and our old friend, H. C. Barr, as one of the members; and we forecast a brilliant season for these performers, knowing as we do that they will meet all expectations as entertainers and hosts. However, members and others may rest assured that they will be fully informed of all convention news from now until convention time.

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Those Were The Days—The 1894 convention of the American Philatelic Society at Niagara Falls was a wonderful one for W. H. Barnum and C. E. Severn; and their recollections of the occasion are indelible impressions. We have a picture of the convention group showing stalwarts such as Messrs. Tiffany, Krauth, Doeblin, Chandler, Davison and a host of others that furnishes to-day, mute testimony to the flight of time. Some of our companions of twenty years ago are dead; and others no longer are devoted to stamps at least in a public way. We reported the 1894 convention for MEEKEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS and we could almost reproduce from memory the business transactions of the convention. There were philatelic noblemen in the ascendancy in those days; and we say this with no thought of instituting any invidious comparison with any later period, of course. To mention only two, John K. Tiffany of St. Louis and C. P. Krauth of Pittsburgh who have passed away is proof of the remark. A new generation comes on the scene but there is no line of demarkation between the old and the new as wily old nature is too refined in her demonstrations for a sudden change; and she nicely holds the old and the new together by dovetailing them so as to cover up the joints.

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Twenty Years After—In 1894 at the Niagara Falls convention, the usual amount of business was transacted and no doubt, the 1914 convention will be much like it but we wager it will not be so impressive to Messrs. Barnum and Severn as the one of twenty years ago. The business of this year's convention will be done with greater facility perhaps because of improved working rules but in general character, it will not differ greatly from that of twenty years ago. There will be the usual number of speakers among the delegates who will advance ideas that are old in essence but new in form; and if debate is entered into, it may not be always definite and to the point. Nevertheless as the world improves the American Philatelic Society must do likewise and we feel that in a broad sense progress may be reported fairly by the American Philatelic Society.

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Different Now—At Niagara Falls in 1894, there was no entertainment provided by a committee as there will be this year. The banquet was the sole fixed festival at the 1894 convention but no attentions were shown by the local or Buffalo members as there were no local members and few in Buffalo. So, thrown on their own resources for pleasure, the delegates were careful that no dull time was experienced and the social contact was very pleasant. Publicity from the newspapers was not particularly invited but the local papers and others were generous in their treatment of the convention. This year, the social features will be systematized and somewhat elaborate, we understand, and attendance at the convention will be a joyful privilege. Above all, stamps will be conspicuous by their presence; and the motto of the philatelist, follow the stamp, should be lived up to if he would make himself and his hosts happy.

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Green Old Age—In our contest to determine the oldest subscribers in years to the WEEKLY while we do not at this writing consider the question closed, yet we have sent to Mr. E. P. Morehouse, Williamstown, Massachusetts, a good stamp for his collection in accordance with our promise to felicitate our oldest reader. In clear, bold words, Mr. Morehouse writes: "On the first of June (if living) I will be 81 years of age." We congratulate Mr. Morehouse upon having attained this grand old age and we trust that Mr. Morehouse will find an interest in stamps for years to come. We are proud to claim him as a reader. If we have a subscriber older than Mr. Morehouse, our respects and a stamp await him.

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Bad Business—A reader calls attention to the tendency on the part of not a few dealers that we greatly deplore. Briefly, when one sends a remittance for goods advertised one sometimes has to wait much too long for a reply. To add to the annoyance delayed orders may be only partly filled. Our informant says: "It is an old axiom in the business world that it is a good man who pays for what he gets instead of paying for what he does not get. Hence with stamp collectors, they remit in advance for the goods and the dealers make you wait before you receive either the goods or a reply." The postal card of acknowledgement should be sent immediately when the dealer knows that there will be some delay in filling the order. We sincerely trust that erring dealers will mend their ways for the interest of all concerned. As a matter of business, not to speak of any suggestion of principle, it is a ruinous policy in these days of commercial enterprise to incur the ill-will of the man with money; and offenders will surely lag behind in the race for preferment.

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British Postage Due—The *Christian Science Monitor*, Boston, is always alert to publish news of philatelic interest and in a recent issue it reproduced a cover in its entirety bearing a copy of the new two pence postage due stamp of Great Britain, the letter having been sent without the regular stamp. The postmark shows the date of April 24th; and we notice that the color of the two pence stamp is described as "agate."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT STAMPS.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

Author's Foreword.

Few attempts, comparatively, have been made by stamp collectors to study the Department Stamps of the United States. In hopes of stimulating an interest in these stamps the writer, in ten chapters, will present such facts as he is able to obtain before the readers of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, with the hope that the articles may be almost as well received as "United States Specialized."

Historical.

During the twelve years following the beginning of the Civil War the "franking" privilege, by which vast amounts of personal matter were sent through the mails postage free, was costing the postoffice department great sums of money. Members of Congress, men in public affairs, government officials of high and low rank, and even some private individuals made free use of the "franking" privilege to their own private and selfish ends.

The Civil War had opened the avenue for sending letters, packages and even boxes and barrels of "stuff" through the mails without charge to the sender. This costly road was widened as years passed, and early in the Seventies an investigation by government officials led to the determination that the promiscuous "franking" of anything and everything that public officials might see fit to send at the expense of the government should cease. This investigation, lasting nearly two years, was begun early in the year 1871. In 1872 plans were perfected whereby each department of the government was to be put upon a basis of at least accounting for its own expense of mailing. The result was the printing and distribution of Department Stamps.

An act of Congress, date of March 3, 1873, authorized the use of stamps for and by the different departments of the government, and the machinery was set to work to produce the stamps which were expected to put a stop to the "franking" abuses. This act of Congress abolished the system, and even the special privilege of "franking" granted by act of Congress to the widow of the martyred president, Abraham Lincoln, was annulled.

It was no little task for the government officials to work out to the entire satisfaction of everyone the system by which it was expected to keep a strict accounting of the cost of each department for the use of the mails. Plans were made and discarded as too elaborate for the purposes in view. It had been hoped that some scheme might be devised to keep a "check" upon the various divisions of each department. This was found to be not feasible, and it was finally determined to furnish stamps to the nine departments, each in different colors, as follows:

Department of Agriculture, Department of the Interior, Navy Department, Executive, Justice, Post Office, State, Treasury and War.

The Continental Bank Note Company at this time was under contract to the Government to furnish the stamps and in collaboration with the postoffice department, designs were prepared by the engravers and printers for the various stamps.

The designs, as finally accepted, followed closely those of the general issue then current, with such changes as would make each stamp distinctive from the postal issues. The stamps were the same in size as the postage stamps, and portraits as follows were adopted:

1 cent, portrait of Franklin, after Rubricht.

2 cents, portrait of Jackson, after Powers.

3 cents, portrait of Washington, after Houdon.

6 cents, portrait of Lincoln, ofter Volk.

7 cents, portrait of Stanton, from a photograph.

10 cents, portrait of Jefferson, after Powers.

12 cents, portrait of Clay, after Hart.

15 cents, portrait of Webster, after Clevenger.

24 cents, portrait of Scott, after Coffee.

30 cents, portrait of Hamilton, after Cerrachi.

90 cents, portrait of Perry, after Wolcutt.

The colors as finally accepted and allotted to the different departments were as follows:

Agriculture—Yellow.
Executive—Carmine
Interior—Vermilion.
Justice—Mauve.
Navy—Blue.
Post Office—Black.
State—Green.
Treasury—Brown.
War—Dull Rose.

In almost every color there occur various shades, of which more will be said under the chapter head devoted to the Department under study.

At first it had been expected that the Post Office Department would be supplied with stamps having the same design as the other departments. This was found to be impractical, as the stamps would be supplied to the thousands of postmasters and it was feared that if stamps with portraits were furnished they would be confused with the regular issues, and sold to the public for postal purposes. The portraits were in each case replaced with large figures of value, inside an ornate oval design.

Although the use of Department stamps was not authorized until July 1, 1873, printing was begun as early as May 24, and distribution to the different departments was commenced soon after that date. Between May 24 and July 1, 1873, the following amounts of stamps had been distributed among the various departments, as named:

Agriculture,	135,000
Executive,	4,650
Interior,	970,475
Justice,	65,400
Navy,	160,830
Post Office,	5,510,610
State,	60,495
Treasury,	6,317,500
War,	440,500

Total number of stamps issued between May 24 and July 1, 13,665,460.

Value, by denominations, $494,974.70.

The stamps were printed mostly in sheets of 100, bearing the imprint and plate number of the Continental Bank Note Company. The exceptions to the plates of 100 were 1c, 3c and 6c Post Office, 1c, 2c and 3c Treasury, 2c War, in sheets of 200 stamps, and the dollar value of State, which were printed in sheets of 10 stamps.

When the contract for printing the stamps for the United States was taken over by the American Bank Note Co., the plates prepared by the Continental Bank Note Company were given over to them, and what Department stamps printed by the first named concern were printed from plates bearing the imprints and numbers of the Continental Bank Note Co. A single exception to this is noted. The American Bank Note Company made a single plate for printing stamps for the Post Office Department, and it was numbered 249.

The American Bank Note Company used soft, porous paper, and the stamps printed on soft paper were, it is generally understood, of American Bank Note Company's work. This statement will explain to collectors who have Department stamps, on soft paper, with Continental imprint, why such have no especial value.

Specialists will find much of interest to them aside from the catalog listings, in their studies of the Department stamps. If they follow the writer closely in this series they will have occasion to examine their stamps for several double transfers, double papers, on horizontal and vertical ribbed paper, etc.

A feature in the study of department stamps, which has been sadly neglected by collectors is the collecting of various valuable post marks. This is especially true of the War departments, in which a complete list of Army posts and Forts can be obtained, if diligent search is made.

The stamps, overprinted "Specimen" in small gothic letters, adds materially to the value of a collection. Besides the regular overprint, there are two errors to be had—one with the word spelled "Sepcimen" and the other with a small or lower-case "i" in the word.

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Various features of the Department stamps, as they have come under the notice of the writer, will be described in the forthcoming chapters.

Department of Agriculture.

The stamps of the Department of Agriculture were issued in nine denominations as follows: 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 30c. The 7 cents and 90 cents made for most of the other departments are missing in this series.

The designs were similar to the regular issues of postage stamps in use at the time. A curved panel over the portrait bears the word "Agriculture" while in the upper left hand corner is the abbreviation "Dept. of" and in the upper right hand corner is the monogram "U. S." letters entwined. The words of value and figure of the denomination are in open design under the portrait, being very similar to the design for the regular postal issues.

The stamps were printed in shades of yellow, ranging from bright lemon yellow to deep orange yellow. Owing to the fact that experts do not agree upon any official use of shades, and many ideas are at variance as to the correct classifications, the writer will not attempt to name the shades, but will give instead the number of different shades found in each denomination. The following data is presented in brief:

Denom.	*Shades.*	*Plates*
1 cent	5	65
2 cents	4	64
3 cents	6	57
6 cents	4	72
10 cents	3	114
12 cents	4	73
15 cents	5	105
24 cents	4	145
30 cents	4	100

During the first eighteen months of the use of department stamps they were freely supplied to the department of Agriculture. But after the close of the year 1874 their use seems to have declined, or a great many were on hand, as the following statistical account of stamps furnished for two periods will prove:

Denom.	*May 24, 1873 to Dec. 31, 1874*	*June 1, 1874 to June 1, 1884*
1 cent	245,500	95,415
2 cents	285,800	230,150
3 cents	416,000	435,050
6 cents	221,500	120,000
10 cents	180,700	95,265
12 cents	143,500	51,265
15 cents	141,900	54,050
24 cents	173,300	60,265
30 cents	173,300	82,265

An interesting double transfer exists in the 3 cents. The one which I have seen occurs in the label of value and figure of denomination. This is shifted to the left about 1 mm. The "shift" shows plainest to the left of the figure "3" and the curves at top and bottom are quite plain.

A variety of great value is the 3 cents imperforate. This is listed by Mr. Luff, in his splendid work on United States stamps.

The stamp is found on horizontally ribbed paper. I have never seen a copy on the true double paper, but some of the soft paper specimens split readily, and may be mistaken for the double paper variety found in some of the other series.

In 1875 the stamps were overprinted "Specimen" in small gothic type. Full sets are hard to get, but the 1 cent and 2 cent so overprinted are not uncommon.

Although only two denominations are catalogued on soft paper, Mr. Luff lists four—1 cent, 2 cents, 3 cents and 6 cents.

The use of Department stamps was discontinued officially on July 5, 1884, and were replaced with official "penalty" envelopes. No individual record of the number of stamps representing the Department of Agriculture were destroyed, but it must have been considerable.

The writer would advise collecting various town dated cancellations, the specimens, and proofs on both India paper and card board.

(*To be continued.*)

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—R. W. Carlson sends us specimens of the current 2c envelopes printed from a die which is so badly worn that the inscriptions nearly run together. The lower angle of the left "2" is extended to the outer colorless oval line.

Mrs. Louise W. Kellogg has shown us a cover with the 3c green of 1870-71, which has a peculiar defect. At the left, starting from the oval frame line at a point about opposite the Adam's Apple, a double line curving downwards runs to the edge of the paper, being carried beyond the lines of the design.

BELGIUM.—The 20c value in the current set has appeared with the large head, and without the engraver's name, a copy having been shown us by Whitfield King & Co.

Adhesive.
With Large Head.
20c olive green.

BULGARIA.—Mr. Schachne has shown us the new postal card on glazed cardboard.

Post Card.
5s green on greenish.

HUNGARY.—Whitfield King & Co. report the issue of the full postage due set on the new watermarked paper. The design is unchanged.

INDIA.—The *West End Philatelist* states that the whole series of stamps of this country are to be redrawn, the 2½a having already been changed.

MEXICO.—A. W. Foster submits for our consideration specimens of the 2c Constitutionalist stamp in distinct shades of green. One is distinctly lighter than the other and would be termed a yellow green.

NETHERLANDS.—A new domestic reply card has just been issued, according to Mr. Schachne.

Post Card.
1½x1½c blue on tinted cardboard.

NORWAY.—Arthur Russell shows us used specimens of the 5 ore Norway commemorative stamp recently chronicled. Dewey Somdal has also shown us a used 20 ore stamp.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—We have been shown a specimen of the new 4 centavo on single lined watermarked paper and are indebted to Theodore Siddall for the favor. The stamp was issued April 15 and this makes the set complete with the possible exception of the 4p which so far has not been seen outside of the post office. Mr. Siddall observes that back-door issues are not quite so frequent as in the past months.

ROUMANIA.—Mr. Schachne has received a new international reply card from this country. It bears six lines of inscription on message card, T. 3.

Post Card.
10x10b carmine rose on white.

SALVADOR.—Through the courtesy of the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co., we have been favored with the latest from Salvador. To say that the efforts of Nicaragua to create odd provisionals have been outdone is but faintly to suggest the real thing. The stamps are of large size, the outer frame line being 24x29 mm. The paper used is ordinary white wove, but in order to give tinted background to prevent counterfeiting(?) the words "correos del salvador", none of the words being capitalized, is printed vertically reading upwards seven times on each stamp. The body of the stamp is type set, with plain single rule border, the stamp being an upright oblong. The inscriptions read thus: "Correos—El Salvador — Franqueo — Oficial — Dos — 2 Centavos 2." The "Franqueo Oficial" is in an oval, the familiar form used on most of the official sets from 1896 onwards. Ordinary type marks, stars, daggers, double daggers and section marks, are printed at either end of "Correos" and the value in words, except that on 3c value type ornaments take the place of the printers' marks. The figures of value are printed at right and left of the "Franqueo Oficial" character, except on the 100c value, where they are replaced by stars, the figures being repeated twice in the next line, and omitted from the last line. To cap all, the rayed anchor and shield design is printed in the left upper corner, with the eye of the anchor turned to the left. The word "Provisional" is printed at the right reading up. There it is, tinted background, ornamental design, control marks and all. The anchor and shield and "Provisional" are in black on all values. The stamps are perforated 12.

Official Adhesives.
2c brown, black and green.
3c yellow, black and green.
5c purple, black and green.
10c red, black and green.
12c green, black and green.
17c blue, black and green.
50c dark brown, black and green.
100c lilac, black and brown.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We are advised of the death of Henry A. Chapman, an old-time subscriber of the WEEKLY and a resident of Hartford, Conn. Mr. Chapman died very suddenly of heart failure, March 11. He is survived by a son, Wilfred A. Chapman, of East Hartford, in whose family he resided. Mr. Chapman is best known to stamp collectors by his very interesting publication the *Perforator*, which gained many friends for its editor and publisher.

—The New York Philatelic Exchange Society, which is Branch No. 3 of the National Philatelic Society, held its fourth meeting, May 25, at its new meeting place, Mozart Hall, 328 E. 86 St. The Brooklyn Stamp Society was represented by a goodly delegation.

—The latest house organ to appear is the *International Stamp*, issued by the International Stamp Co., Covington, O. It has four well-filled pages and gives every evidence of becoming an interesting means of communication between the company and its patrons.

—The Rochester (N. Y.) *Herald* on Sunday, May 24, published a page of medals and curios, the property of a Rochester citizen. We note that one of the illustrations shows the three large newspaper stamps issued in 1863. They are made life size and show up handsomely on the heavy calendared paper.

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COMMUNICATION.

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St. Joseph, Mo., 5-25-14.

To the Editor:—

I note in a recent Weekly that you absolve H. C. Bouldin of Cleburne, Texas, from the charge of substituting. I believe I made that charge and it is *absolutely correct.*

I use a special hinge and mount in a certain regular way. It is the correct way, but not one collector I have ever seen does the same—the result is that I can tell absolutely whether a stamp has been fastened in place by someone other than myself. When I received the selection in question back from Mr. Bouldin a number of stamps had been taken out and replaced with damaged stamps (of the same var.). Now these were not mounted as I mount them, and an entirely different hinge had been used.

Further, I *always* mount the best stamps in stock first—in this case I had many of each variety in good condition, nor was there any damaged stamps in the stock book of the varieties in question. When I make a purchase of stamps I always select and arrange in my stock books, putting therein up to 25 copies of each variety. These are always graded—poorest copy extreme right—next—next to right, and so on until the best copy is on the left.

The result is, I always am able to KNOW whether I mounted the stamp or not, and if not I can tell almost absolutely whether it was the same stamp I had originally mounted or not. In the present case the stamps in question had been mounted by someone after mailing to Mr. Bouldin, and those returned were damaged, whereas I had none such in my books. *Those stamps were substituted while the book was in the possession of Mr. Bouldin.* This is an *absolute* fact. Whether by Mr. B. or not one cannot state, but he has never claimed that he lent the book to anyone.

W. S. Aldrich.

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IS A MENDED STAMP A FAKE?

By Percy C. Bishop.

I take it that a mended stamp, *so described,* is a legitimate article of commerce, but what are we to call a mended stamp upon which the word "MENDED," does not appear? If it isn't a fake, what is it?

I remember once arguing this matter with a Philatelist who had just paid half a guinea to have a 6½d Newfoundland skilfully "restored." A missing corner had been supplied, a crease neatly ironed out, and a portion of the stamp which was seriously "thinned" had been bulked up to its proper degree of obesity. Good value for half a guinea, said my friend, and I cordially agreed with him. But that wasn't the point. The point was, and is: what is the status of such a stamp when it comes out of hospital? Is it a fake? or is it a genuine stamp and a marketable commodity?

"Of course you'll stamp it 'MENDED' on the back?" said I. "Of course I shan't!" he retorted, and asked me, in turn, whether he was not entitled to do as he pleased with his own property?

I am sorry to say I had no answer ready at the moment, and so our conversation petered out, and, for aught I know to the contrary, that 6½d Newfoundland still reposes in my friend's collection.

It has always been a difficult matter to decide what a man may or may not do with his own property. The Law, which is never clear on anything, is distressingly obscure on this. You remember what passed between Nicholas Nickleby and Mr. Wackford Squeers when they were nearing Dotheboys Hall. Nicholas had expressed respectful surprise that such a place should be called a "Hall," whereupon the master of the luckless Smike retorted that there was no Act of Parliament to prevent him calling his school an island if he so desired. He was right; and the friend I have just mentioned could equally claim that there is no Act of Parliament forbidding him to have a damaged stamp skilfully "restored," or to keep that stamp in his collection without troubling to indicate in any way that it is a repaired specimen.

He would argue that *he* knows the stamp has been mended, and, so long as he knows, what does it matter to anyone else? That is the sort of reasoning that holds good until one has thought it over. It holds good because it appears to be based on sound common sense. Unquestionably the owner of the stamp is not legally called upon to brand his specimen "MENDED" so long as it remains in his own possession; but morally he is, because in displaying his stamps to friends he is in effect stating, and stating falsely, that he possesses a perfect specimen of the 6½d Newfoundland. That, you may say, is purely a matter between himself and his own conscience. Maybe so; but supposing he sells that stamp, or sells the collection in which it appears, without definitely stating that the stamp has been mended, repaired, restored,—call it by whatever euphemism you fancy. Is he then guilty, or not guilty, of selling a faked stamp?

Lest the reader may think that I am labouring a point which is of only trivial importance, let me observe that a mended stamp is unlike a mended object in any other department of the world of collecting. If a bit of Nankin porcelain, or a Spode dish, or a Venetian wine-glass has been mended the cracks and rivets are there for all the world to see. There is no occasion to label the article itself.

A piece of antique furniture, no matter how skilfully you may patch it and match it, is invariably known for what it is by the connoisseur. A mended stamp, on the other hand, shows no "joins" and reveals no traces of the mender's handicraft, such as one may detect with the naked eye. To such a high level of artistry has stamp repairing been raised that the unaided eye utterly fails to detect anything amiss with the "restored" specimens turned out from an up-to-date philatelic repairing shop. The matter, therefore, is one that merits the serious attention of philatelists.

Literally, of course, every mended stamp is a fake. There is no getting away from that. The dictionary on my table, Chamber's excellent "Twentieth Century Dictionary" of 1901, gives the following meaning:—

Fake.—To make up an article so as to hide its defects.

The word is given only in the form of a verb, because apparently it is only in that form that it is recognized as having made its formal entry into the language. Pedants would not speak of a "fake," but of "a faked stamp." For the sake of brevity and convenience, however, the single word is used, and is universally accepted and understood by stamp collectors.

Philologists differ as to the source of the word "fake," some tracing it to the middle Dutch *facken,* to catch, others to the German *fegen,* to furbish up. People less learned than the lexicographers are apt to connect it with the Indian "fakir," which came from the Arabic *faqir,* a poor man, but that idea has always been frowned down by the philologists—possibly because it is too easy!

Whatever its derivation may be, I think the meaning attributed to the word "fake" by Chambers—"to make up an article so as to hide its defects"—very accurately interprets the sense of the word as it is understood by philatelists. And this being granted, it obviously follows that every mended stamp is literally a fake. To this there can be no exceptions whatever. Every mended stamp, from the torn specimen which has been crudely patched with gummed paper in the guileless schoolboy manner, to the most intricate performance of the skilled "restorer," is most emphatically a stamp "made up so as to hide its defects," and is therefore a "faked stamp" or, shortly, a "fake."

Are there any dissentients from this proposition? If so, or if any reader desires to comment upon any of the points raised in this article, I am empowered by the Editors of *Stamp Collecting* to state that letters on the subject will be cordially welcomed, and, if of reasonable brevity, will be published in an early number of the journal.

Assuming for the moment that we are all agreed, then logic compels the conclusion that every collector having mended stamps in his collection is harbouring fakes, and that every collector selling a mended stamp without disclosing the fact is selling a fake, and is morally, if not legally, guilty of obtaining money by false and fraudulent pretences.

And the remedy? It is of little use to draw attention to an abuse or a grievance without suggesting a remedy. Obviously the true, indeed, the only remedy, is to do what is already being done by all reputable dealers when selling a mended stamp—namely, to impress the word "MENDED" on the back of the specimen by means of a rubber stamp, using for the purpose *indelible ink.—Stamp Collecting.*

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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

SOME REQUESTS OF THE READERS.

In my introduction as editor of this department, I asked the readers to give me their support, to write me about their collections and stamp "doings", to ask me for information about things they did not know, to tell me what they like, and to kick about what they do not like. I have received a number of letters, and wish that I could hear from the several hundred beginners who have not written as yet. However, I feel that it is necessary for me to supplement my appeal by adding a few requests:

Please do not submit stamps to me for examination. Refer to them by catalogue number, or describe them. I do not want the responsibility of handling other people's property.

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I am running this department to help the collector, and want to help him in every way I can. I intend to devote some time to the work, and will answer correspondents as soon as possible. Sometimes, however, your reply may be held up a little while for one reason or another. Replies through the paper always take two or three weeks. This week I am publishing two ideas given me by readers. I have been asked to write on the different ways of conducting approval business, keeping records of sales, and other information of like nature, and intend to cover the matter soon. Will you let me hear from you on the subject? Your ideas may be better than those now used by dealers.

BILL.

SOAKING STAMPS.

When water is used to detach stamps from the envelope, great care must be exerted in many instances to keep the colors from changing or running. Many stamps will be ruined if they are not handled very carefully in this process. British Colonials, especially the chalky paper varieties, will lose their colors, and come from their bath in such poor condition that they are worthless. United States postage dues will not only blur the design and saturate the paper with the pink tint, but will cause the water to become pink, thus coloring all of the other stamps being soaked.

At best, soaking is a poor way of taking paper off of stamps. Unless the stamps are watched, the cancellations will run, spoiling the stamp, and sometimes having the same effect as the due stamps mentioned above. If it is necessary to soak the stamps, put in only a few at a time, and watch them closely. Many can be separated in less than a minute after being put into the water. A good plan is to have a pile of blotters, unprinted if possible, next to the pan in which the stamps are being soaked. Start as soon as possible to take the stamps out, and lay them *face down*, upon the blotter. After the blotter is covered, spread a piece of oiled paper, such as is used in the government "official seal" books, or by artists for tracing, over the stamps, to prevent the wet gum that remains upon some of the specimens from adhering to the blotter above. On this oiled paper, lay another layer of stamps, *face up*. Put another piece of blotting paper over the stamps, and lay them away to dry. It is advisable to put them under a weight, to prevent curling. If books are used, remember that the blotters will absorb the water, and will be damp, thus spoiling the cover of the books unless separated by a dry blotter, or paper. The blotters may be laid on a register or radiator, and will dry much quicker, but in this event, weight must be placed on the stamps to prevent curling, as a quick drying will nearly always cause this trouble. Curling, of course, makes the stamps liable to crack and crease.

Remember that stamps with rubber or hand-stamped cancellations are most liable to run, and need the most attention. Also, use care to see that the paper or piece of envelope is not covered with any substance that will tint the water. Certain South American and European envelopes are lined with a substance similar to carbon paper, which will fill a large basin with a purplish tint almost immediately. Remove this paper thoroughly, before soaking.

British Colonials are liable to have a great deal of the gum left after soaking, and will stick like fly-paper to anything they touch.

Use care in peeling the stamps from the paper. Do not be so hasty that you tear the stamps. When they are wet, they soften, and tear very easily.

British Colonials on chalky paper can be "floated" to good advantage. That is, lay the stamps on the surface of the water, face up, and use care that the water does not touch the face of the stamp in any way. This method takes longer, as the stamps must absorb the water from one side only, but insures perfect results. Try this on a few cheap ones first, though. It takes practice to remove them from the water without getting them wet.

Another way of detaching stamps, is to lay them between wet blotters, under weight. This is quite a satisfactory way, as the colors in running cannot spoil the other stamps. By using a wet blotter on the back, and a dry one on the front, the Colonials and other "fugitive color" stamps may be detached to advantage.

Where only a few stamps are involved, they may be held over a steaming kettle, and after becoming thoroughly damp, may be removed carefully from the paper. This process takes time, however, as only a few stamps can be thus steamed at a time. Also, if the steam gathers on the face of the stamps, it may cause them to run, the same as water would.

Some collectors put their stamps in an air-tight box, similar to a humidor, and put a wet sponge in the box. This dampens the stamps. It is advisable to leave them in this arrangement for four or five hours, if possible.

A certain stamp dealer, of fame here in Chicago, has solved the difficulty of removing stamps from covers in quantity. He allows his stamps to accumulate each year until spring. He then puts them in his basement and trusts to fortune, or the usual misfortune, that the river near his home will rise and flood the basement, as happens frequently at that time of the year. He once tried this method on a nice lot of Tonga stamps, and the turtles in the watermark swam away with the stamps, causing him to lose quite a piece of money. Since that time, however, he puts the Tonga stamps, and those with the fish of Newfoundland, in a minnow-bucket, and has had no more trouble. If you can find an accommodating river, and don't care how your stamps look, try this method. This is a lazy man's way, though, and the writer does not recommend it. A lazy stamp collector has nearly as hard a time as the man did who tried to take the "ice" out of "Iceland".

HOW ONE COLLECTOR GETS HIS STAMPS.

R. H. C., Philadelphia, has written me a very interesting letter, in which he tells me how he and his boy friends have obtained some of their stamps.

When the boys set out stamp hunting, they go to the apartment houses, and ask permission of the janitor to look over the waste paper for old letters. My correspondent found a copy of the 15c Philippine surcharged on U. S. on the original envelope. He then visited the tenant to whom the letter was addressed, interested her in his hobby, and through her, got a number of nice Philippines, and two of the early Mauritius stamps, on original covers. By using this same scheme with several other people, he found it possible to get quite a nice collection, and he now receives a great many stamps, some common, but many desirable ones.

FOR FILING DUPLICATES.

G. T. R., Springfield, Mass., has suggested a novel way of keeping duplicate stamps, using the envelope method. He uses "pay" envelopes, size 2½x4¼, open end, filing them on end in a box to fit. On the gummed side of the flap of each envelope, he prints the name of the country, catalogue number, and such other data as may be necessary. The flaps are left out of the envelopes, all facing the front end of the box, and the whole arrangement is treated the same as a card index system. Stamps may be inserted in their respective envelopes without removing same from the box. This is quite a saving of time where a large number of stamps are involved.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. R.—Danish West Indies, No. 10, differs from No. 22 in perforation. No. 10 is perforated 14x13½, or 13½, while No. 22 is perforated 12½, 13, or compound. I have also seen distinct shade differences in these stamps, but cannot say whether these different shades are each limited to the one issue, or whether the same shade occurs in both stamps. The stamps of Denmark and Danish West Indies, of this type, have many distinct shades.

Subscriber.—In using the perforation gauge, lay the stamp on the gauge in such a manner that the dots will fill exactly the space between the teeth of the perforations on the stamp.

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J. G. H., Caldwell, Idaho.—Articles on handling duplicates and selling and keeping track of approvals will appear in this department at an early date. The subjects are too long to go into at this time.

Reprints and re-issues are usually unused. They are *not* the same as counterfeits. Counterfeits may be used or unused, as cancellations can be faked. Reprints and counterfeits are not as common as supposed, and the beginner meets very few, as it does not pay to counterfeit the low priced stamps. Damaged stamps come his way oftener than the other two evils, and are, in the writer's estimation, just as undesirable as the others.

J. C. B. wishes to know if parcel post stamps used on envelopes are worth more than regular issues so used, and if they are worth more than if used on parcels.

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THE SECOND ISSUE.

A Ministerial order of April 11th, 1856, reduced the tariff on printed matter, etc., sent under open wrapper to 4 pfennige and on May 1st a stamp of this denomination was placed on sale. The design is similar to that of the values of 1850 and it is evident the same original die was employed for the portrait. Mr. Wedmore tells us:—

"The dies and printing plates were produced in the same manner as before, the original die of the head of King Frederick William IV. with the word POSTMARKE being used. Roller transfers were made on a steel die, and the word POSTMARKE erased and FREIMARKE inserted in the upper label. In the Museum at Berlin this steel die may be seen bearing four impressions from the original die. On three of them the word POSTMARKE is partially erased, and the fourth is completed and was used for making the plates for this value. The figures and words denoting the value were engraved, most probably, by Schilling, who had been employed by the State since 1851 to engrave the dies of the envelope stamps. A comparison with the ½ groschen value shews considerable variation in the size of the lettering, which tends to prove that this was not the work of Eichens. It will also be observed that on this stamp the value is given as VIER PFENNINGE and not PFENNIGE as on the 6pf stamps."

There were at least two plates for this value and though these were numbered in the right hand margin, the words "PLATTE No." and the numbers for the horizontal and vertical rows were not engraved on the plates. The color varies from a dark moss green to a pale yellow green. Paper watermarked with laurel wreaths was used for this value and the stamps were issued imperforate like the series of 1850.

Reference List.

1856. Wmk. Laurel wreath. Imperf.
5. 4pf green, Scott's No. 1.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

The Government evidently found the steel-plate process too costly and in 1856 it was decided to change the mode of manufacture. At the same time it was decided to dispense with colored papers for the silbergroschen values and print the impressions in color instead. The public were informed of the impending change by means of an Official Notice published in December, 1856, viz:—

No. 203.—CHANGE OF STAMPS.

The stamps of 1, 2, and 3sgr, which have hitherto been printed on colored papers, will in future be printed on white paper. The design of the stamp will appear, therefore, instead of in black as hitherto, in rose-red for the 1sgr, in blue for the 2sgr, and in yellow for the 3sgr.

The Post Offices are hereby informed of this alteration, and notified that the issue of such stamps will begin with next year, and that the 1, 2, and 3sgr stamps printed in black on colored paper will remain current until the present stocks of same are entirely exhausted.

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(Signed) SCHMUCKERT.
BERLIN, December 23rd, 1856.

From the wording of this notice it has been assumed that the stamps were issued on January 1st, 1857, but no specimens dated earlier than June appear to have been found. The design is very similar to that of the first issue and it is evident there was no official intention of changing the type. The portrait of the King was engraved on wood by Schilling, the background being solid instead of lined as before. The frame resembles the former issue and has similar inscriptions. The expression on the king's portrait differs considerably from that of the 1850 type, the sleepy appearance of the first having given place to a nervous *dilletante* expression in the second. The oak leaves at the sides are more clearly defined and there is a colon instead of a period after "SILBERGR:", this being, of course, the correct abbreviation for "silbergroschen."

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The stamps were printed on plain white wove paper and, as a safeguard against forgery in the absence of watermark, this received a colorless network impression from a preparation of carbonate of lead before printing. This network can be made visible by washing the stamps with a solution of hydric sulphide, or more permanently and with less danger of discoloring the paper by the fumes of sulpheretted hydrogen which Mr. Wedmore describes as "a very evil smelling compound." The gum is whiter than that previously used, but coarser and much more inclined to crack.

A die for the 4pf in this type was prepared and proofs in green are known but this value was never issued.

Reference List.

1857. No watermark. Imperf.

6. 1sgr rose, Scott's No. 6.
7. 2sgr blue, Scott's No. 7 or No. 7a.
8. 3sgr yellow, Scott's No. 8 or No. 8a.

The Fourth Issue.

In 1858 the design of the 1, 2, and 3 silbergroschen values was modified, and the new stamps began to appear in September, being placed on sale as the stocks of the former issue became exhausted in the various post offices. A 4 pfennige value of similar type was issued in 1859. The modification consisted in the alteration of the background, which was cross-hatched horizontally and vertically in a similar manner to the line-engraved stamps of the first issue. Why the change was made is somewhat of a mystery unless the authorities presumed that the cancellation hardly showed with sufficient distinctness against the solid background of the preceding series. Little is known as to the method of manufacture of these stamps but Mr. Wedmore tells us that "a comparison with the stamps of the last issue shows that an impression was taken from the same wood-block, the background then lined, and the denomination of values, both figures and words, separately engraved for each value of the series. The shape of the letters and figures differs slightly from those of the previous issue."

All four values were printed typographically from electrotyped plates composed of 150 impressions in fifteen horizontal rows of ten. The rows were numbered on the margins as in the case of the 1857 issue. They were printed on unwatermarked paper, on which the invisible network had been previously printed. There are several fairly pronounced shades of all denominations.

In May, 1860, a new printing of the 6 pfennige value was made from the original plate or plates of 1850. As these are on unwatermarked paper, however, they cannot be confused with the series of 1850. The paper for these stamps was also previously printed with the colorless network. Pale and deep shades of this value may be found.

Reference List.

1858-60. No watermark. Imperf.

9. 4pf green, Scott's No. 9.
10. 6pf vermilion, Scott's No. 10.
11. 1sgr rose, Scott's No. 11.
12. 2sgr blue, Scott's No. 12 or No. 12a.
13. 3sgr yellow, Scott's No. 13 or No. 13a.

The Fifth Issue.

King Frederick William IV died on January 2nd, 1861 and was succeeded by the Emperor William I who early decided his portrait should not figure on the postage stamps by publishing a cabinet order under date of February 17th, 1861, decreeing that for the new series of stamps the Prussian coat-of-arms should be used. Economy may have had something to do with his decision for the new types were common to both adhesives and envelopes. The issue consisted of the same values as those previously in use and there were two types —one for the pfennige values and the other for the silbergroschen denominations. The design consists of a small oval of solid color containing a Prussian eagle, with outspread wings, having on its breast a small shield on which the letters "F. R." (for Frederick Rex) are inscribed. The frames for the 4 and 6pf are octagonal while those for the other values are oval. All are inscribed "PREUSSEN" at top and with the value in words below. The method of manufacture differs from that of the preceding issues and we cannot do better than quote from Mr. Wedmore's article regarding this:—

Schilling engraved the eagle, and the single lined oval immediately surrounding it, on a small block of steel. This was then hardened and an impression taken, which latter was then impressed on two steel dies. Schilling then engraved on one of them the design of the pfennige values and on the other the design of the silbergroschen values, but with no figures or lettering. These dies were then hardened and impressions taken on soft steel dies. On these Schilling engraved the word PREUSSEN and the denomination of value. Two such dies were engraved for 5 and 6 silbergroschen but no stamps of these values were issued.

From the above mentioned dies 50 impressions of each value (except the five and six sgr.) were taken on small pieces of lead measuring about 23x20 mm., and these then arranged in five horizontal rows of ten, each value separately. From these, three electrotype plates of each value were taken, and the three plates placed together to form one plate for printing. The rows were numbered on all four sides as in the previous issue, and some of the plates, perhaps all, were lettered instead of being numbered as in the issue of 1850. At the top and bottom of each plate a "needle point" was provided, which was printed in color on the margin of the sheet. Its use will be seen in due course.

The printing in color and the "embossing" of the central design was done in one process, in fact the central design was not, properly speaking, embossed, but slightly impressed in the paper, which was damped before being put to press to make the operation easier. The sheets of stamps were first gummed and then rouletted. For the gumming the best gum arabic mixed with glycerine was used.

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placed on the press. The frame was provided with a hinged lid or cover. On this cover at top and bottom were two needles, and the sheet of stamps was placed on this cover, the needles piercing the sheet at the colored "needle points" already mentioned, thus ensuring that the sheet was accurately placed over the steel rouletting lines. The cover was then lowered and the hand lever applied thus pressing the sheet on to the rouletting lines. Only one sheet was rouletted at a time, and 1000 were rouletted in the "working day" of those "good old days," which consisted of ten hours. The rouletting apparatus was supplied by one Sutter, a machine maker of Berlin.

An official Circular, dated September 19th, 1861, was issued to the post-offices notifying them of the impending new issue and instructions were given that the new stamps were not to be sold until the stocks of the old issue were entirely exhausted. Though the stamps were available for use from October 1st, 1861, none are known with an earlier date than November.

The colors chosen for the respective denominations followed those of the preceding set fairly closely with the exceptions of the 3sgr. This was printed in yellow brown to conform with the "color scheme" adopted by the German-Austrian Postal Union.

A Post-office Circular of March 6th, 1865, announced that a stamp of 3 pfennige in violet would be added to the series and this appeared on April 1st following, the design being like that of the other pfennige values. This stamp was intended for use on printed matter sent to Norway.

All six values may be found in varying shades and all are known imperforate. These latter are proofs, though postmarked specimens exist.





Reference List.

1861-65. No. Wmk. Rouletted 11½.
14. 3pf violet, Scott's No. 14 or No. 14a.
15. 4pf green, Scott's No. 15 or No. 15a.
16. 6pf orange, Scott's No. 16 or No. 16a.
17. 1sgr rose, Scott's No. 17.
18. 2sgr blue, Scott's No. 18 or No. 19.
19. 3sgr yellow brown, Scott's No. 20 or No. 20a.

(To be continued.)

NORWAY COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE.

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. kindly send us the following extract from a letter received from their correspondent at Christiania:

"The date of issue was the 10th of May; and the stamps will be in use during the year 1914, and will *not* be declared obsolete. The stamps are issued to celebrate, not the 100th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, but the 100th Anniversary of the Constitutional Law. The stamps are *not* printed by the State Printing Works, as there are no State Printing Works in Norway, but by the Printing Works of Norges Bank (Bank of Norway). The Deputies are not listening to the reading of the Declaration on Independence by Stadtholder Prince Christian August, there was at that time no Stadtholder in Norway! They are listening to the Deputy Chr. Magnus Falsen, reading the committee's proposal for Constitutional Law."—*S. C. Fort.*

AEROPLANE MAIL ROUTE.

CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y., May 31.—Postmaster Potter of Chautauqua has just received formal instructions regarding an aeroplane mail route which will be conducted on Chautauqua Lake the coming season from May 30th to September 7th. Aviator Al. J. Engle who made the flights in his hydro-aeroplane from Chautauqua last summer will be in charge of the route and will carry the mail pouches in his water-and-air ship, stopping at Chautauqua, Bemus Point, Celoron and Mayville. At each of these points skids will be built at the water's edge so that the airship may land easily and it is understood that post card stands will be conveniently arranged so that the cards may be dispatched without trouble by this mail route.

The letter authorizing the service will be of interest:

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The Sunday *Call*, Newark, N. J., in its issues of May 17, 24 and 31 published some illustrated stamp stories, written by H. A. Henckel, the secretary of the Newark Stamp Club. They are attractive and are good publicity promoters.

—In our issue of May 30, A. A. Leve advertised some scarce U. S. in panes of one hundred, O. G. and fine. Mr. Leve has placed this collection in the hands of Percy G. Doane, 608 Tribune Bldg., N. Y. City, and feels that the advertisement as originally inserted does not make this fact quite plain.

—We have a Vol. I, No. 1 called the *Eastern Collector* before us. It is published at Unionville, Ct., by F. W. Bauer, Jr., and is issued quarterly. A sample copy can no doubt be obtained upon request.

—R. A. Knight of the Texas Stamp Co., noting a news gleaning in the WEEKLY of May 9, calls our attention to the fact that he would have received the letter intended for him had it been addressed properly instead of to "R. M. Knight."

—We have a bound volume of the WEEKLY for 1912 in this office awaiting its owner. When the 1912 volumes were bound someone at the bindery took the trouble to remove the name from the first page.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from J. Saulnier, Wm. L. Hamilton, Jr. (3), Herman W. Boers, F. L. Jackson, Joseph Beggs (8).

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Triple Extra—Liberia is not so benighted, after all, and our postmaster-general wants the information widely proclaimed that a parcels post convention has just been entered into by this country and Liberia.

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Advertising Postmarks—Mr. George A. Chandler of Madison, Wisconsin, who has been instrumental in bringing the Wisconsin Philatelic Society to its present position of eminence has submitted a list of Canadian advertising postmarks for 1914; and we expect Mr. Chandler to give our readers an extended account of advertising postmarks generally. He is well qualified as a director of the International Postmark Society to treat of the subject which has its fascinations for many collectors.

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They Say It—Our recent remarks on the delinquency of some of the dealers in their relations with the philatelic public have evoked a response from a number of readers whose correspondence makes spicy reading. Messrs. H. F. Lamb and William C. Polk, among others, have enriched our files by their contributions dealing with the shadowy side. The wise dealers are the ones who profit by the sins of omission of their careless brethren.

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Shades Of Tantalus—Says a reader: "Here is a bit of lore for your hard-luck editor. A good many years ago, I bought a three cent pink, 1861, from a dealer who said it was the stamp but later an expert pounced on it and said it was not the real thing; and I gave the stamp away to a friend as a near pink. Several years later, I saw a three cent pink advertised for two dollars or so, not in the WEEKLY, and scenting a bargain, I sent the money only to receive the same stamp I had before. Weakly, I took my medicine and kept mum. I got rid of the stamp again, this time to a society brother who wanted it for the 'paid' cancellation it bore. A month or two ago, I bid on a 'fine pink,' so it was described, in a little auction sale and secured the stamp among my purchases. It was our familiar friend. I am a timid man and again, I swallowed my chagrin,—and threw the stamp through the casement, i. e., window. Please utter an exclamation for me." Say, would it not be jokeful if old Aeolus would waft the stamp in the path of a collector who carefully rescued it so that it might continue to haunt our fated friend?

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Hard Shells—At a recent meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, a scarce stamp competition was held limited to stamps catalogued at one dollar or under, with no reference to condition. The winning entries were: Straits Settlements, 1883, "2 cents" in black on 4 cents rose, catalogued at one dollar used or unused; and the one cent, United States 1857-60, type four, No. 42C, catalogued at one dollar used. The arguments advanced in behalf of their stamps by the owners were of interest but we shall confine ourselves to the two stamps selected by the judges. A stamp man of wide experience said of the Straits Settlements stamp that in an accumulation of stamps from that country made by him during the last five years or so there were quantities of almost all the varieties of that country but not a single copy of No. 56. While the exponent of the claims of the stamp in question had not sought for the specimen in foreign markets or even solicited it from dealers in this country on a want-list yet his conviction is that the stamp is singularly elusive. While he sees in the aggregate large and valuable lots of stamps, wholesale and retail, he says that the stamp described seems extraordinarily scarce.

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A Good One—The perforated one cent, 1857-60, United States, type four, No. 42C, "with the curved labels outside the labels redrawn" which makes its appearance for the first time in the present edition of the catalogue, evidently needs some price adjustment that may be looked for, perhaps, in the coming edition. We know that the impression that the stamp is rather low in price is somewhat general and the observation has been made in print that the quotation should be advanced. Dealers have paid over catalogue for fine copies of the variety with the lines definitely redrawn; and a collector has said that he would buy copies gladly at prices topping that of the catalogue. The characteristics of this stamp make it an interesting one to study and we can readily understand that specialists would care to gather it in some quantity.

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The Other Extreme—Our oldest reader, Mr. E. P. Morehouse, Williamstown, Massachusetts, aged eighty-one years, was given a stamp with the respects of the WEEKLY; and now Master Allen Harrison of New York City suggests that likewise we remember our youngest reader. He says that he is nine years old and wants to know if he gets the stamp. He does if there is no subscriber who is younger.

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Tax on Marriage—Mr. T. G. Evans, Chicago, has shown us a marriage certificate dated in 1865 on which the revenue tax was paid by a five-cent agreement revenue stamp, without perforations. One would be inclined to say that the stamp itself was *prima facie* evidence of original imperforation for who, it could be argued, would have any philatelic designs in shearing off the "denticulations" of a stamp in 1865. The sentimentalist might go further and say that it would have been an act of sacrilege to tamper with a stamp on a document of the sacred nature of a marriage certificate. However, the collector of to-day, coldly analytical, would reject the pretensions of a single stamp, imperforate, that is known only in perforated condition and his usual demand for a pair of the stamps imperforate would be made before he would relinquish his doubts. He would cite examples of the first perforated issue with perforations carefully cut off before the stamps were used by persons who were not in sympathy with the new-fangled notions such as that adopted by the government in 1857 of perforating the stamps; and this antipathy of the reactionary here and there could be extended so as to include a later period. Again, when time was not pressing, one could amuse one's self by trimming off the perforations so as to give the stamps a "finished appearance" let us say. It is admitted though that it is rather rough to find an imperforate five cent agreement on a marriage certificate of all things and then have a chap come along and say that actually the stamp does not absolutely prove anything.

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Do You Follow Him?—The following bit of cubist fiction is culled from a vaudeville contemporary: "I have the rarity; *ergo*, I have it not as it is only the stamps I have not that I have in mind. Do you laugh?" Etc. No, we weep. Mr. L. Paul Miller, the philatelic humorist, should attend to the roundabout scribe under notice. By-the-way, someone said that it would be a good idea for an ambitious publisher to start a funny philatelic paper. Yes, *Philatelic Puck*, laughed itself out in one number in 1892 or 1893.

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1894, 1, 2, 5, 20c, 5s, unused, 5 var. ... .08
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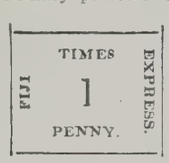
FIJI.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

Special interest attaches to today's meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society, when Mr. J. A. Tilleard, M. V. O., will display a collection of the stamps of Fiji. These stamps have always been among the favourites of the general collector, not so much on account of any attractiveness of design as for their remote and romantic island origin. The institution of a postal service in Fiji may fairly be attributed as due entirely to the enterprise of a local newspaper, the *Fiji Times*, started at Levuka, the old capital, in 1869. This journal had been in existence for about a year under great difficulties in the matter of circulating among the various islands, owing to the absence of a proper postal service. In October, 1870, the proprietors announced their intention to start a public postal service, under their own auspices, and this was heralded in a rhymed advertisement:

Remember, remember the 1st of November,
The day you'll have reason to bless,
For then we commence a thing quite immense,
To be called the "Fiji Times Express."

The stamps issued for the *Fiji Times* Express were of a simple character, being type-set and printed in the works of the newspaper. They bear the name of the service and the denomination enclosed in ordinary printers' rules, thus:



There were four denominations—1d, 3d, 6d, and 1s—another value, 9d, being added in 1871. They were all printed in black on rose-coloured paper, which paper is "quadrillé," or "laid batonné." Quadrillé paper has water-lines crossing each other, forming small squares, while laid batonné has a texture of parallel water-lines close together, crossed with water-lines some distance (½ in. in this case) apart. Genuine copies must be on one of these two kinds of rose-colored paper. The stamps are very scarce, as the current quotations from Messrs. Gibbons' catalogue show:

Quadrillé paper.	Unused.	Used.	Laid batonné paper.	Unused.	Used
1d	£10	..	1d	£1 10	..
3d	£12	£12	3d	£2 10	..
6d	£15	£15	6d	£5 0	£5
1s	£8	£7	9d	£5 0	..
			1s	£4 10	..



In 1871, as a result of the enterprise of the Express, King Cakobau promised that his Government would consider the establishment of an official postal service. A year after the commencement of the Express the Government issued its first stamps (December, 1871), and in the following year gave the proprietors of the *Fiji Times* notice to discontinue the receipt of inter-island correspondence. The Government stamps, engraved on wood and electrotyped in Sydney, New South Wales, bear a crown and cipher "C.R." (Cakobau Rex). The values are in pence (1d, 3d and 6d), though the currency was cents, an error which was rectified by the surcharges 2c, 6c and 12c, in 1872.

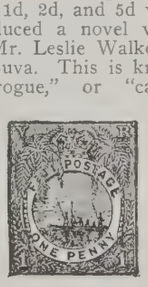




The cession of the islands to Great Britain in October, 1874, led to the overprinting of King Cakobau's stamps with the initials V. R. This was done in the office of the *Polynesian Gazette*, at Levuka, and there are many minor varieties. Later on the "V. R." addition was made lithographically at Sydney, and in 1878 the original engraved die had the letter "C" cut out and a "V" inserted in its place. The portrait of



Queen Victoria only appeared on the 1s and 5s stamps, issued from 1881. In 1891 a new series of stamps appeared, still preserving some continuity in design with those of King Cakobau's first issue. The 1d, 2d, and 5d values, however, introduced a novel vignette, designed by Mr. Leslie Walker, the postmaster at Suva. This is known as the "native pirogue," or "canoe" type.



The canoe forging ahead towards the rising sun is an allegory of the progress of the colony, and the crown indicates the association of Fiji with the British Empire. The stamps of the 1891-1902 series were printed in Sydney, and there are many perforation varieties. From 1903 the Fijian stamps have been printed in England from the general Colonial key-plates, bearing the head of King Edward VII, and these are now in process of supersession, several of the Georgian values having already appeared.—*Daily Telegraph.*

A STAMP BOOKLET ITEM.

J. R. Hammerle found a 25c booklet of two-cent stamps which had between the stamps a soft crinkly paper inscribed across the middle of each sheet "Patented Sept. 20, 1904" instead of the ordinary waxed paper. Asking J. E. Ralph, director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, in regard to this matter Mr. Ralph replied that 396 books of twelve two-cent stamps each were made with this paper and delivered to the postmaster at Washington, D. C. on Dec. 20, 1912. Mr. Ralph writes:—"This was an experiment for the purpose of ascertaining whether a corrugated waxed paper could be used advantageously for interleaving stamp books."

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—Herman W. Boers shows us a discovery recently made by him. He submits an unused block of four of Scott's No. 279, the 1c of 1895, with flame-like colorless spots extending upward from the right-hand seriph at the bottom of the figures of value. Traces are to be observed on the left, but not constant and plainly marked like those on the right. Similar appearances have already been noted on the 1c blue of 1890.

ARGENTINE.—The 20c and 24c values in the current set have appeared on the new watermarked paper. There were previously noted the ½c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 12c, 1p, 5p, 10p and 20p values on the same paper.

AUSTRALIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* has the following regarding the second issue of the King George 1d stamps, from its correspondent in Melbourne:

"The new supply of the King's Head 1d was issued here about 4 p. m. on March 19. People here take this to be an exact replica of the first as they are in similar shades and still on unwatermarked paper, and at first I thought so, too, but I happened by good fortune to have an entire sheet of the first emission by me, and comparing it with the new, I at once saw that the new sheets are about 8 mm. taller than the old. It struck me this might be due to the spacing only, but I soon ascertained it to be also in the stamps themselves, and what was more, the new sheets are about 4 mm. narrower, the effect of 'squeezed' Die being to give a distinctly oblong stamp instead of a squarish looking one. There is no difference in detail of design except that the oval containing the King's Head is slightly more compressed in the new. The sheets are of 120 stamps in twelve rows of ten. There is no restriction in the sale this time, but only a million more have been printed for all the States together, and they are being genuinely sold for postage use.

"A scarce variety has been found in this issue, a sheet turning up with no perforation along the edge of the stamps on the right side of the sheet.

"As anticipated, though this issue was not rushed for by collectors, it was soon exhausted in the ordinary course of business. There are at least three printings. In the second printing the spacing between stamps is considerably reduced as compared with the first, and the width of the printed sheet is reduced about 3 mm. In the third printing spacing between the stamps is again wide, but the Die used being narrower the width of the printed sheet is again reduced, being 4 mm. to 5mm. narrower than first printing. All the second printing so far seen are the very pale shade."

"That there are differences in spacing in the different printings is beyond doubt, and besides three printings there seems also to be three types, for I find stamps of the second print of which I have only a few all in the pale shade, whilst they have the breadth of the first print (December/13), are about ½ mm. taller and have the height of the last lot. Type 2 is the largest of the three types, but sheets are not larger as spacing between stamps is reduced.

"I cannot find any marked difference of design in the three Types except that the oval containing the Head has the sides flattened in Type 3. Also that the curved word Australia in Type 1 and Type 2 is more pronounced in the curving in Type 3, the difference being quite noticeable to the eye and probably the easiest way of detecting the Types without measuring. The inscription 'ENGRAVED AND PRINTED AT THE COMMONWEALTH TREASURY, MELBOURNE,' is about 1 mm. narrower in this last printing and the distance of it from the stamps also varies in the different printings."

King George Design.

1d carmine, perf. 11.
Issued December, 1913, unwatermarked paper, dull yellowish gum.

1st Printing, Type 1, stamps measuring 21¼ mm. by 25¾ mm. and spaced between 2¼ mm.
Issued March, 1914, unwatermarked paper, white shiny gum.

2nd Printing, Type 2, stamps measuring 21¼ mm. by 26¼ mm. and spaced between 1¾ mm.
Issued March, 1914, unwatermarked paper, white shiny gum.

3rd Printing, Type 3, stamps measuring 21 mm. by 26¼ mm. and spaced between 2⅛ mm.

A second correspondent has supplied *Ewen's Weekly* with a sheet of the latest issue showing double perforation between the 5th and 6th rows.

The *Australian Philatelist* states that the first printing really consisted of more than one million, being told that the actual number on sale was 1,200,000.

The *Melbourne Argus* states that the Postmaster-General has received a cablemessage to the effect that the process block from which the new King's head stamps are to be printed has been engraved in England, and will be sent immediately to Australia. He expects that about the beginning of May the new penny stamp will be in general use. The Kangaroo issue will be available only until existing stocks are exhausted.

BELGIUM.—*L'Annonce Timbrologique* reports having received official notice that the Sunday Coupon will be omitted on future issues of the stamps of Belgium.

CUBA.—Some of our foreign contemporaries announce that the Cuban Government contemplates the retirement of the new map stamp, and the issue of a new series with portraits of Cuban generals. This action is said to be due to the protest made to the President of the Republic by the Council of Cuban Veterans. The present series is likely to remain in use until after the Panama Exposition. A special 5c stamp is to be issued to commemorate the Centenary of the Cuban Poetess, Gertrudis Gomez de Avellaneda.

EPIRUS.—The permanent set noted in No. 1222 was preceded by a provisional set, which very appropriately had the death's head and cross bones, as the salient feature. Of these the following quantities were printed: 1l, 1500; 5l, 1700; 10l, 1500; 25l, 1000.

HONDURAS.—Allan Greeley sends us used specimens of the provisional surcharges on the current lithographed. Among them we find one not previously chronicled, the 2c rose having been surcharged "5 cent." in black, like those already mentioned.

Provisional Adhesive.
"5 cent." on 2c rose.

ITALY.—A new parcel post series will be issued July 1, with the following values,—5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, 1l, 2l, 3l and 4l.

JAPAN.—Tadayasu Maki writes us from Japan, to the effect that it was announced May 9 that the Government will change the paper on which the stamps are printed. The "design will be the same as last issue," but the paper will be wove, colored and "watermarked wave and fibers." There will be 13 values, 5r, 1s, 1½s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s, 20s, 25s, 1y, 5y and 10y. The new stamps were to be issued on the 20th of May, Mr. Maki's letter being dated May 10.

Big Values Though low in price each item is a "snap"

	UNITED STATES	Cat. price.	My price
51	1857, 12c black, unused straight edge, left	4.00	.80
* 73	1862, 2c blk. (Jackson)	.75	.30
*112	1869, 1c buff (Franklin)	1.60	.65
*114	3c blue (Locomotive)	.75	.30
116	10c yellow	1.00	.45
*135	1870, 2c red brown	5.00	1.50
*146	2c red brown	1.50	.60
*147	3c green	2.00	.65
*148	6c carmine	3.50	1.25
*157	1873, 2c brown	1.50	.60
*158	3c green	1.00	.35
*752	1877 brown (Post Obitum)	3.00	2.00
*802	1851, 1c blue	1.00	.40
*803b	1c black (short rays)	15.00	7.00
811	1852, 1c red	6.50	2.48
1016	1857, 60c rose	4.00	1.32
3054	1900, $50 gray	18.00	8.40
44	**Uruguay** 1877, 50c black	.60	.30
44a	1p blue	2.00	.90
71	20c bistre brown	.75	.35
67	**Italy** 1890, 5l blue & rose	.30	.15
8	**New Zealand** 1858 1sh	20.00	9.00
9	1p orange	3.75	1.80
10	2p blue	1.75	.85
21	1862, 6p red brown	3.00	1.50
21a	6p dark brown	3.00	1.50
12	**Niger Coast** 1893, 5p	2.00	1.00
13	1sh black	2.00	1.00
106	**New Orleans** 5c brown	2.50	1.00
13	**China, Newkiang** '94,40c blk.	.75	.22
34	**Shanghai** 1866, 2c rose	.60	.22
*128	**Col. Rep.** 1886, 10p rose	7.50	1.90
10	**Tolima** 1871, 10c blue	4.00	1.17
*26	**India** 1866, 4a green	1.50	.48
62	**Patiala** 6a bistre	.60	.20
4	**Mozambique Co.** 25r violet, double surcharge	..	2.50
57	**Natal** 1878, 5sh rose	3.00	.90
42	**N. So. Wales** 1860, 1sh rose	1.00	.48
44	5sh dull violet	1.75	.77
59	9sh red brown & black	1.00	.44
60	1sh black	.35	.15
	Nicaragua 1905 Official set	3.53	.89
268	**Peru** 1c on 10s dull violet	1.25	.40
10	**Nova Scotia** 5c blue on cover	..	.20
	Peru 1895, 1,2,5,10,20,50,1s	4.10	1.90
	Bolivar Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18	1.40	.60
	N.Borneo, Post. Due of 1903	5.15	1.31

	NEWSPAPER STAMPS	Cat. price.	My price
1001	5c dark blue	15.00	6.50
1002	10c blue green	5.00	2.25
1003	25c carmine red	5.00	2.25
1005	1875, 2c black	.60	.25
1006	3c black	.75	.35
1007	4c black	.75	.35
1008	6c black	2.50	1.20
1009	8c black	2.50	1.15
1010	9c black	10.00	4.75
1011	10c black	1.00	.40
1012	12c rose	1.50	.67
1013	24c rose	1.50	.69
1014	36c rose	1.50	.70
1015	48c rose	7.50	3.50
1016	60c rose	7.50	3.48
1016	60c rose	4.00	1.80
1019	96c rose	10.00	4.80
1029	1879, 2c black	.35	.14
1030	3c black	.60	.25
1031	4c black	.50	.20
1032	6c black	.75	.35
1033	8c black	1.00	.44
1034	10c black	.40	.18
1035	12c red	3.00	1.40
1036	24c red	3.00	1.40
1039	60c red	6.00	3.00
1042	96c red	10.00	5.00
1044	$3 red vermilion	7.00	3.50
1052	1883, 1c black	.25	.10
1053	12c carmine	1.25	.60
1054	24c carmine	1.50	.70
1056	48c carmine	4.00	2.00
1057	60c carmine	4.00	2.00
1058	72c carmine	6.00	3.00
1060	96c carmine	8.00	4.00
1061	1894, 1c intense black	.50	.22
1062	2c intense black	.50	.22
1063	4c intense black	1.00	.40
1067	24c pink	4.00	1.90
1075	1895, 1c black	.25	.10
1076	2c black	1.00	.40
1077	5c black	2.00	.87
1078	10c black	2.50	1.18
1080	50c carmine	3.50	1.60
1087	1c black	.15	.07
1088	2c black	.15	.07
1089	5c black	.25	.12
1090	10c black	.25	.11
1091	25c carmine	.50	.30
1092	50c carmine	1.00	.60
1094	$5 dark ultra	7.50	3.50
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It seems even yet too premature to say what the new stamps will be like, for the Postmaster-General has changed his intention so often that it looks like as if he delighted in making fools of the public. It was his original intention to have the new 6d stamp printed with the kangaroo in the centre, the tails of lyre-birds on each side, a boomerang below, and underneath that a platypus. It was, however, reported recently that he had approved of a new design of which the kookaburra will be the central figure. This latest stamp, which was illustrated in several of the local papers recently, is copied from an exhibit sent in by Mr. Blamire Young. We had thought of reproducing the illustration, but we have decided to wait until we have something reliable to go upon. We have no fault to find with the design. The main thing will be to see that the die is properly prepared. While one paper states that the 6d stamp will be printed in light blue, another has it that the colour has not been decided, but the probability is that it will be a shade of green. A Melbourne correspondent writes to the local press to the effect that the new ½d stamp will be coloured green with a black swan in the centre, and the 2½d stamp will be dark blue with a similar design to the new penny issue.

It should be borne in mind that stamps having two colours necessitate double printing, consequently increased and unnecessary expenditure.

We hope soon to be able to give our readers some definite information, but in order to do this we are afraid we shall have to wait until we have been enabled to actually buy the stamps over the counter.

The second million of the 1d King George stamps was put on sale simultaneously throughout the whole of the States on Friday, 20th March. In every respect the colours are similar to those used in the previous issue. In fact, one would think that the two millions were printed at the same time and one lot held back. Some collectors think the gum is a little whiter than before, but we are afraid this is an optical delusion.—*Australian Stamp Journal.*

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New Members. 230, Hazen, Edwin H., Mt. Hermon, Mass. 231, Huggins, Harold, American Consulate, Nagasaki, Japan. (Application made in February; dues just received).

Application for membership, E. S. Bangs, 112 E. Fort Ave., Baltimore, Md. Age 50, B. & O. R. R. Inspector. References O.K. Proposed by Maitland Milliken.

Applicant, Dr. Easton, Board of Health Office, Butte, Montana. (Application not complete).

Dropped for non-payment of dues:—207, C. F. Powers, 58 Templeton St., Dorchester Centre, Mass.; 196, Adolph H. Weber, 1515 Euclid Ave., Berkeley, California; 189, Max R. Kress, 1725 Snyder Ave., Phila., Pa.

Dues received since last report: From No. 220, $1.00; from 221, 50c; from applicants $1.00. Total, $2.50.

On Siegfried Schachne's proposition, the secretary can compile a report of the views of only 19 members, as follows:—For the purchase of his stock and collection, 4 yes, 7 no; on publishing a monthly bulletin, 7 yes, 3 no.

On publishing a catalogue, 6 yes, 5 no. Three voted "yes" on all propositions. Two voted "no" on all propositions. Five did not express themselves sufficiently to count their view. Some sayeth naught. Several expressed themselves on various points and on the propositions conditionally.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.
ARGUSVILLE, N. D., May 31, 1914.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

SOME THINGS THAT BOTHER THE BEGINNER.

After a person has decided to collect stamps, he is confronted with problems, which may appear greater than they really are.

In the first place, he starts out with a great deal of enthusiasm and a package of continentals. He pays 5c or 25c for the stamps, buys an album for a few cents, gets out the family glue pot and "goes to it." Italian revenues look as good to him as a Post Office Mauritius. The writer, in his opinion, thinks that the collector derives more genuine pleasure out of his stamps while he is gathering the first thousand than he does afterward. Every German, Grecian, Japanese, or French stamp, brings to his mind a strange land, with strange people. Complete sets mean nothing to him. He never heard of a peelable hinge, or a catalogue.

Later he feels the desire to get a stamp from every country. He finds another collector, more advanced than himself, and delves deeper into the subject. He learns that fish glue will spoil his stamps, and that *pas partout* paper is much better for them. He is taught how to use a hinge!

By means of exchange, he soon reaches his 1,000 varieties. Now his troubles are on the way. His album is too small. He finds the name of a stamp dealer somewhere, and then his learning increases in leaps and bounds. If possible, he calls on this dealer, learns that his collection is worth about thirty cents, and if he is a "quitter" he quits right there. The usual collection of the beginner does not bring the vast fortunes that stamp collections are reputed to bring.

If he is a real stamp collector, he sticks, and becomes more enthusiastic by a sight of the stamps the dealer shows him. He buys a printed album with a space for every stamp he has, every one he is liable to get, and also several hundred that he probably will never see. This feature is quite beneficial to the collector, for it tends to lure him on and on with the hope of filling in that hole in the center of the page, and completing that country. Recently, however, an album has been placed on the market which excludes the most expensive varieties, and combines both 19th and 20th century in one book. That album fills a long felt want with the beginner, and is the best printed album for him.

After buying the album, and spending many hours in placing his stamps, he decides that *pas partout* hinges are not as good as the kind the stamp man uses, and so buys his first stamp hinges. As he grows more experienced, he will insist on peelable hinges, even at a slight additional cost.

His next trouble, that of placing his stamps correctly, is solved by buying a catalogue. Every collector, large and small, should have a catalogue. The standard catalogue not only describes and prices practically every stamp ever issued, with the numerous minor varieties, but is an accurate list, and can be used as a handy check-list by marking off the stamps as they are secured. At an early date, the subject of making a check-list will be taken up at length. With this list, the collector can visit his dealer and avoid buying duplicates. The catalogue will answer probably eighty per cent. of the questions that bother the beginner.

Now that he has his album in shape, the next thing is to proceed to fill it up. This, of course, may be done by buying the stamps, or exchanging duplicates, or getting them through friends who have correspondence, or by stealing them from the stamp dealers. This last method is a favorite pastime with a great many collectors, and is one that is liable to put the collector where he will have much time to kill. However, this article is on the troubles of the beginner, not of the dealer.

Stamps may be bought from packets, or approvals, or from dealers' stock books, by want-list or otherwise. The packet affords a good way of buying stamps, if the maker of the packet is a thoroughly reliable dealer, and the price paid is high enough. It is advisable to buy a variety packet in preference to a quantity packet. The latter may be cheaper, but contains many duplicates, usually of a nature hard to dispose of, and practically worthless. The variety packet does not, or should not contain duplicates. It usually costs more, but is worth more. Unreliable dealers use the packet as a means of disposing of worthless junk which could not be sold any other way. Packets are sold without inspection, and the buyer many times finds that he has been "stung" with a lot of trash. A good variety packet, the larger the better, will make a fine start for a collection.

For the small collector, the approval offers the best way of buying stamps. Selections of stamps, mounted and priced are sent out by the dealers, at discounts from catalogue. The usual discount for good copies of most stamps is 50%. Some dealers allow even 75%, and of course, some do not allow as much as 50%. By selecting stamps from approvals, the collector has the opportunity of seeing just what he is buying, and picking out his copy. He buys what he wants and returns the others. His collection gets finer copies in this way, as he feels free to refuse to buy the poor copy, which he might have bought in a packet. Also, he will find a larger range of stamps offered on approval than he will in a packet. Packets are usually made up in great quantity, just alike, while approvals may be made up from small lots of stamps, and thus contain greater variety. The question of prices, and discounts cannot be gone into here, as it is practically a study in itself, and one that every collector will have to reason out for himself, more or less. Remember that every collector gets taken in on some stamps, and all stamps are not bargains. Even the most experienced dealers make mistakes, and get the short end of the deal. Do not feel discouraged when you meet your first loss.

The want list is another way of buying stamps. This consists of a list of certain stamps wanted, and ordered from a dealer. Usually the dealer sends them on approval, with privilege of return, but it is understood that the collector is willing to buy the stamps if they are in satisfactory condition at the right price. Filling want lists is an expensive way of selling stamps for the dealer, so if you do not intend to purchase the stamps, have consideration for the dealer and do not ask him to send them to you, "just to look through." Content yourself with his approvals. Stamps sent on want lists usually run higher in price, the discount usually being from 10% to 25%. This is fair, as an immense stock is necessary to permit this way of selling. Of course, when the collector has filled in a page or a set, excepting a few varieties, he is anxious to get these few also, and hence, he orders them especially.

After a collector has had a little experience, he will often find collections for sale among his friends. Good purchases are made this way, but some expensive ones are made, too. Be sure of your value before you buy.

Watermarks, perforations, paper, printing, types, grills, etc., all are troublesome to the collector until he learns to distinguish them. Gaining this knowledge is, however, a great part of the pursuit, and if the collector is of "scientific" turn of mind, he will relish investigating the stamps for these differences.

Watermarks may be detected by using a benzine cup or "watermark detector." It may be purchased for a small sum, or may be made by painting the bottom of a glass dish with black paint. By placing the stamp face down in the cup and pouring a few drops of benzine on it, the watermark may be distinguished. This process will not harm the stamp as the benzine evaporates readily. Benzine, of course, is highly inflammable, and care should be taken to keep it away from an open flame.

(*To be continued.*)

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A STORY OF USING TALENTS.

By ARTHUR IRWIN SMITH.

"Well, just look what the mail has brought," said Charles Armstrong, coming into the room where his three sisters sat reading.

"Anything for me?" they chorused, throwing down papers and books.

"Oh, yes, one letter addressed to all of us, and a package for each—all from uncle."

First the letter was opened, and Mary read aloud:

"Dear nieces and nephew:—I am going away to India and other places abroad, and will be gone a year. In looking over my belongings preparatory to disposing of the things I did not need to take along with me, I came across my first stamp collection. Of course, I shall never quit collecting, for it will always be an interesting pursuit to me, but I am specializing on certain countries now, and do not care to keep this old collection any longer. I have put the stamps up in four packages which I am herewith sending to you. In using them remember the parable of the talents. When I return home, I will explain more fully.

Your uncle,
ERNEST ARMSTRONG."

"The dear old goose! What possible use could I make of this rubbish?" laughed Nora, opening her package.

Charlie poured out the contents of his package upon a newspaper, and ran through the stamps with all the eagerness of a boy of fifteen who had secured something he knew what he would do with. "It's pretty nice to have an uncle like that," he declared with enthusiasm.

"Well, it's certain he meant us to use them," said Grace, as she took possession of her package.

For many days after the arrival of the packages, Charlie spent all his spare time sorting out his stamps. He bought an album, a small one, of course, but he meant to add many varieties to those his uncle had sent him, by trading and exchanging as well as buying. Once he had looked through his uncle's big album, and always since then had dreamed of possessing one for himself. He hardly knew why he had never got started. He meant to make a better showing from his uncle's gift than his older sisters.

Nora and Mary were twins and sweet sixteen. School work and the frivolities incident to girlhood consumed most of their time. The packages of both still occupied their respective places assigned in the dresser drawer. Grace, who was eighteen, was going to the country to teach her first school. She packed her bundle of stamps away with the other things she meant to take with her, but as yet she had not discovered a plan to use them.

After a year had elapsed, their uncle came back from his travels, and when he arrived at their home, the four of them gathered around him eagerly to hear of the wonderful things he had seen and heard.

"Oh, I had almost forgotten to tell you about some rare specimens of stamps I ran across," he remarked, with a smile, after quite a lengthy chat. "And that reminds me that I haven't had your report on how you used those stamps I sent you."

"I bought an album, and began a collection with my package. Oh, I must show you how it has grown!" cried Charlie, rushing to find his treasures.

"You have, indeed, done well, so I have brought you a large album and a new assortment of stamps," said his uncle.

Charlie looked radiant as he thanked his uncle. How nice it would be to transfer his collection to this fine album!

"I am afraid you won't think so well of the way I used the stamps," said Mary. "Collecting did not appeal to me, and I did not have time for it, anyway; but I found a boy that had the time and the love for it, too, so I gave him the stamps. Poor little crippled James Wallace has spent many happy hours with those stamps."

"You have not failed to make use of your talent in a good way, too," praised her uncle, as he slipped on her finger a pretty gold ring.

"I have most of my stamps yet," said Grace, in her turn. "They have been used over and over, however, in many ways almost daily while I was teaching. My geography class found duplicates of many of them and decorated their written descriptions of countries with them. The history class used those containing pictures of great men to decorate their history booklets. In arithmetic classes pupils soon learned the equivalent of dollars and cents in the various countries by means of these inspiring stamps. My number work enjoyed counting the value of a pile of the common United States stamps. I certainly do appreciate your gift, and intend to keep using it."

Her uncle listened with interest, and handed her some books as her reward for using the talent in her possession.

Poor Nora sat in her chair discomfited. "I guess I buried my talent," she cried ruefully, "but I just never could think of any way to use them. Of course, Uncle, I don't deserve anything, and I'll go get the package right now and you can give them to Charlie."

"Poor child," said her uncle, as she left the room, "I don't see how I can be that hard on her." He drew a duplicate of Mary's ring from his pocket.

Nora handed him the packet rather sorrowfully. He glanced through it casually, and with a look of added interest after a moment.

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Uruguay.—The collection is mounted on some 600 sheets in 10 Oriel Binders and is a highly specialized collection of both unused and used specimens, including many reconstructions of the plates of the early issues with demonstrations and illustrative diagrams. Especial attention is called to the progress made in the reconstruction of the plate for the 60c Diligencias 1856.

In the large numeral series of 1866, exhaustive treatment, both by comparative demonstration and by diagram, is shown, illustrating and explaining the differences between the settings for the London and Montevideo printings of all the values. Numerous examples are exhibited of the irregular combination of types proving the substitution of transfers.

The lithographed issues of August, 1881, 1882 and January-April 1884 also have been given especial study, the results being shown both by illustrative diagrams and explanatory notes. The later issues are fully represented by singles, blocks, etc., with special attention given to errors, etc., in the surcharged issues. Mention should be made of the following items:—

a. Block of four from the northwest corner of sheet of 80c, 1856, Diligencia, originally belonging to same sheet as the next.—

b. The celebrated "Ferrer" block of fifteen stamps of 80c, 1856, Diligencia.

c. Genuine postally cancelled copies of 80c and 1R 1856.

d. Complete reconstructed plates of the 80c and 1R 1856.

e. Tete-beche pair (vertically) of the 120c blue of 1858.

f. Group platings of all of the values of the 1860 thick figure issue.

g. Several examples of tete-beche pairs and blocks of the 1864 "arms" type; including an extremely rare block showing two tete-beche vertical pairs; also similar examples in the surcharged series of 1866.

h. Three copies of the "inverted centre" variety of the 25c of 1895, of which only about 25 used copies are known.

Victoria.—This is a specialized collection mounted on some 300 pages showing advanced philatelic research. Attention is called to the complete and partly complete plating of the various "Ham" printings and the "Campbell" printings of 1850-1854.

Of a special interest are the identified types found in abnormal positions on the plate, in relation to the surrounding types. These rare substituted transfers are shown and explained by notes and diagrams.

A small portion of this work was first shown at a meeting on February 19, 1914, of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, but is now exhibited for the first time at a philatelic exhibition.

The two-pence 1854, Queen on Throne, is shown in many reconstructed panes in shades and printings. Two of the panes are complete in pairs. Attention is called to the study of the substituted or replaced transfers.

The "wood-block" and "electro" series of 1854-61 have been carefully studied. The pane of the two-shillings value is shown reconstructed with the electros and wood-blocks.

A large number of early unused rarities are here, including the orange six-pence of 1860.

The "Emblems" series of 1857-60 and the succeeding electrotype issues of 1860-62, and the typographed issues of 1863-78 show careful attention to details of paper, watermark, impression and perforation; most of the rarer errors of watermark being shown. All the later issues are extensively "shaded." There is a pair of the four-pence, dull mauve (1885) in the color of the two-pence.

This collection is very complete and is extensively written up and explained.

Spain.—A comprehensive exhibit of unused and used, with special attention to shades of impression, qualities of paper, and gum.

In the early issues, *unused*, may be noted the following items: horizontal strip of three 5R 1850 in pale red on thick paper; horizontal pair of 6R 1850 in dull blue on thick paper; two copies of the 10R 1850; the 2R red of 1851 on thin paper; the 6c black of 1851 on thick paper; horizontal pair of 6R blue 1851 on thin paper; two copies each of

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Among the *used* stamps of early issues are the following:—horizontal strip of five of 6R of 1850 on thick paper; horizontal strip of three of 10R of 1850 on thick paper; horizontal pair of 2R 1851; horizontal strip of five of 10R 1851; piece of cover, bearing block of four 2R and vertical pairs each of the 5R and 10R, all of 1851 issue; horizontal pair of 2R 1852, and horizontal strip of three of same; horizontal strip of three of 2R 1853; horizontal strip of three of 6c 1853 on bluish paper; horizontal pair of 1c City of Madrid 1853; horizontal pair of 1R 1854 on bluish paper; block of four of 1R 1855 including the error 2R as northeast stamp; horizontal pair of 19c 1860-61; block of four 4c of 1862 on white paper; a page demonstrating the "inverted frame" error of the 12c 1865, including a color-proof block of four, two singles imperforate (one on part cover), and two singles perf. 14; two copies of the inverted frame error of 25 mils. of 1867; horizontal pair of 19c 1868; horizontal strip of three 1 esc. 600 mils. of 1870; an experted horizontal strip of three, of the private stamp of 1869, showing middle stamp tetebeche.

MR. LEVY GOES TO EUROPE.

In today's paper the Empire Stamp Co. of Pennsylvania makes the announcement that its manager, Julius Levy has gone to Europe, at the same time giving the names of the officers and the directors. Although the corporation has changed its name, the officers and directors are the same with the exception of Eugene Klein. All the directors are very well known in philatelic and financial circles. The new corporation extends to its clients the use of its commodious quarters in the Empire Building, and the use of their extensive philatelic library which is the best in the country.

MAP MADE FROM U. S. STAMPS.

John Fortune, a mail carrier of Atchison, Kan., has just completed making a map of the United States from postage stamps. By using stamps of various colors, he separated the original thirteen colonies, also outlining every state. The large rivers are shown with orange colored stamps. In the center of the map is a great American eagle with wings spread, the significant olive branch and bundle of arrows clutched in its talons. Above the eagle is worked out the phrase, "E pluribus unum." The Great Lakes are shown and the Canadian border is designated with Canadian stamps. The map is bordered with pictures of all the presidents, the likeness being secured from stamps of various design. In the center of the state of Virginia is a copy of the Declaration of Independence, bordered with stamps of Washington design. The stamps are all pasted upon a canvas, 5x9 feet, and each one of them has been trimmed, requiring infinite patience and work.

CURRENT CHATTER.

By ANGUS MCTAVISH.

Interviewing an American collector in the March number of the *Collectors' Journal* they say:—

"His first stamp collection *(sic)* consisted of a dozen or more bought from a Chicago dealer in 1877 for ten cents. His collection to-day, while not so extensive, is of good quality, nearly all being U. S. mint."

Bloater.

Reviewing a recently published address book, the *Newark Stamp News* for April says:—

"A book of this kind soon becomes incorrect through people moving, deaths, etc., for instance, we know of a case where a party has been dead for the last nine months; while not the fault of the publisher it will cause dissatisfaction to anyone who tries to write this party."

As long as it wasn't the publisher's fault, I will put up with a little dissatisfaction.

F. H. Vallancey in his April 11th *Stamp Collecting* column, says:—

"A few weeks ago I received a letter from a geneleman giving his name as A. W— of A—, North Wales."

But was he a perfect geneleman?

In the same publication, P. C. Bishop has an article headed—right across the page—"Of what Use is the Philatelic Congress?"

Until last year it was to provide philatelic editors with an annual feed at somebody else's expense. I don't know what the benefits will be this year, but I think there aint going to be any.

The editor of the *Australian Philatelist,* reviewing a new Australian stamp paper, says, of the publisher:—

"We would strongly advise him not to trust too much to printers' readers in the future, otherwise, McTavish will be on the warpath. We only hope the first number will escape his eyes."

When I learnt that the new paper was published at Booleroo Centre, I wept to think that—up to now—I haven't seen a copy. There will be a hullabaloo if somebody doesn't mail me a specimen. In the meantime I am putting an edge to my toothpick.

The following extract from a letter recently received seems to denote that the writer should have headed his communication Colney Hatch and not Port Sunlight. It relates to the editorial in last month's *P.J.G.B.,* while the writer is possibly the dirty boy of another well known soap-makers' advertisement.

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Possibly my correspondent is trying to spoof *P.J.G.B.* readers, at any rate he seems to be very fond of soap.

Once every week the *D.T.* blossoms forth with a column or so of stamp chatter, usually of a very reliable and interesting nature. Occasionally, however, some would-be philatelic philistine is let loose for a few minutes, with the result that only the other day our worthy got-the-biggest-daily-circulation-of-any-1d-morning-paper announced to its readers that:—

"Philatelists will learn with interest that the labels are of four values, ½d in faience-green, 1d carmine, 2d agate-brown, and 5b bartolozzi-brown."

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Interviewing their one hundred and first "Philatelist of To-day," the *S.C.F.* says:—

"Personally, Mr. Bing is a teetotaller, a non-smoker, and a vegetarian."

So would I be if it hadn't to be done personally.

The same publication, chronicling the new Bavarian stamps, says:—

"*The Postage Stamp* chronicles the 5 and 10 pfennig of the recently issued series as existing *tête bêche*, but gives no details of this interesting variety."

The *S.C.F.* is, I hope, not going to develop an abnormal thirst for knowledge.

Commercial candour from the advertisement columns of the same paper:

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"BETTER BUSY THAN LAZY."

In a little inn near Chichester, in England, there is a room papered with postage stamps. One who saw it says: "Ceiling, walls, doors, chairs, tables, picture-frames, every part of the room except the floor, are thickly covered, while from the ceiling hang long festoons and ropes made of bundles of stamps for which there was no other place. There are fully two million stamps pasted up, and a million more in these festoons, while great bundles, one of which holds sixty thousand stamps, hang among the heavy loops. The pictures inside the stamp-covered frames are of stamps themselves; the ceiling is ornamented with a great star; the arms of the neighboring town of Bognor are over the fireplace, and the tablecloth shows the Eiffel Tower! Queen Victoria is surprisingly lifelike in carefully chosen stamps of different colors."

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TO EDITOR SEVERN.

With the Compliments of the *Philatelic Journal of America.*

An entirely new issue of postage stamps for the Constitucionalista Government which is in possession of the northern states of Mexico, is in the course of preparation and is expected to be ready soon.

The five centavo denomination of the series that was issued the first part of this year is entirely exhausted. The one centavo stamp is also exhausted in many post offices.

When the Constitucionalista forces took Torreon, a large number of the regular issue of Mexican postage stamps were captured.

These stamps were overprinted with a control mark representing the initials "G. C. M." in script monogram. The initials stand for "Gobierno Constitucionalista Mexico."

The stamps of the current issue of Mexico, bearing this overprint, that we have seen thus far postally used, are the

1c purple
2c green
3c brown
5c orange

The following public notice, issued by the Postmaster General of the Constitucionalista Government, has been published in a newspaper in Hermosillo and has been sent us by one of our correspondents in that city.

Free translation from the Spanish:—

PUBLIC NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS.
Gobierno Constitucionalista
Main Post Office
Hermosillo, Sonora
Circular R. No. 14.

The stock of the five centavos postage stamp of the Constitucionalista Government having become exhausted, the Secretary of Communications and Public Works has sent to this Post Office a quantity of the stamps of the regular Mexican Union Postal Universal stamps which were captured from the Huertistas in Torreon; these postage stamps are to be used until the new issue of Constitucionalist's postage stamps now being prepared, are ready for circulation.

As, according to information in Nogales, Arizona, as well as here in Sonora, some Huertistas have a supply of these postage stamps, this Post Office has ordered, before bringing them into circulation, to have them surcharged with a monogram-stamp as it appears on the margin of the present notice, to avoid the introduction of postage stamps which would not leave any profit to the Constitucionalista Government.

For this reason all the employes of the Post Office in the State of Sonora are recommended to allow through the mails, only the correspondence prepaid with the stamps in use at present, or with those of the Union Postal Universal which bring the already mentioned over-print without forgetting that correspondence from other States must circulate even without the postage stamps, having any countermarks.

Constitution and Reforms
Hermosillo, Sonora—May 27, 1914
CORME HINOJOSA,
Postmaster General,
Constitucionalista Gov't, Mexico.

From the above official notice, it will be understood that letters mailed in states other than Sonora where the regular Mexican stamps are in use, correspondence prepaid with them will be recognized.

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THE 1898 BOOKLET PANES.

By H. T. WILLCOX.

I have noticed the small article on booklet panes in your May 30th issue. Mr. Southgate has referred to the 1898 issue, stating that he believes that some of these were printed from sheets of more than 180 subjects. I can substantiate this claim for within the past week I bought six panes of this issue, all with the guide line running across the binding margin in the same way as mentioned by your correspondent, about half way between the perforations and the top of the pane.

Another interesting feature about these panes was that there were but two staple holes in each binding margin which fact proves that some of this issue of booklets were put together with but one staple instead of two staples as were used in the later issues. As all of the previous panes that I have had of this 1898 issue had four staple holes and as I took them from booklets which I could tell were of the later issues of these stamps by referring to the covers, I am inclined to think that the first books must have been made with but one staple and therefore it seems to me as if we must believe that the very first issues were printed from more than 180 subjects. These deductions may be of interest to your readers.

A SUMMER OUTING.

The usual Summer Outing and Ladies' Day of the N. E. P. A. & A. E. S. consolidated, will be held at Nahant, Saturday, June 27, 1914. Boat leaves Otis Wharf (408 Atlantic Ave.) at 2.20 P. M. Dinner will be served at "The Brenton" at 4.00 P. M., $1.50 per plate. It is hoped that all members will attend and make our Ladies' Day a grand success.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Think It Over—It is about time for members of the American Philatelic Society to make calculations for attending the coming convention at Niagara Falls, New York. Plans for the entertainment of delegates are being perfected and we have received a letter from Mr. H. C. Barr, Buffalo, of the committee on arrangements, from which we take the liberty of quoting: "I was at Niagara Falls one day last week and it was my good fortune to secure an introduction to the mediators in session on the Canadian side. I spent a very pleasant hour or two conversing in Spanish, particularly with Sr. Rabasa, Huerta's personal representative, and as fine a gentleman as it has ever been my pleasure to meet. The International Hotel, the convention headquarters, is being rounded into shape rapidly for the summer season; and you will find the same clerk on the job who was there in 1894. He says that he remembers well the previous convention of stamp collectors. By-the-way, it was the glowing reports of that convention which led to my joining the society in the autumn of that year." Mr. Julian Park, the chairman of the committee on arrangements, sails for Europe this week but it is his expectation to return the day before the convention. Mr. Barr, as we have said before, is editor of that sumptuous Spanish monthly, *La Hacienda,* published at Buffalo.

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Captured Stamps—The latest news from Mexico is rebel surcharges on the regular Mexican stamps. We have seen a cover bearing the five centavos orange surcharged in large letters in monogram, C. G. M., signifying Constitutional Government Mexico. The government stamps that were captured from the federal offices by the Constitutional forces have been made use of very enterprisingly by the captors after the sting of the stamps had been removed by the application of the surcharge.

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A Curiosity—An esteemed English contemporary illustrates a three cent, 1861, U. S., with wide imperforate margins at right and left sides respectively. The three cent 1861 was printed in sheets of two hundred stamps, with two panes of one hundred specimens each, side by side. A division was made down the central margin, cutting the sheets into the post office sheets of one hundred stamps each. It sometimes happened that the perforating was done so unevenly that after the perforations were trimmed off the second side, a wide margin even showing part of the next stamp was left.

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He Leads Them All—Our readers have been told that Mr. Edgar P. Morehouse, Williamstown, Massachusetts, aged 81 years, is the patriarch of our subscribers and we have now received from him, a letter of no ordinary interest. We trust that we violate no confidence in sharing the contents of Mr. Morehouse's communication with readers who will appreciate the genial tenor of it and enjoy its bright observations. At any rate, we plead justification because of the philatelic information, which when given as in this instance, at first hand, has an exceptional advantage and charm. Mr. Morehouse says in the course of his readable human document: "I thank you most sincerely for your congratulations and for the handsome gift you send me which I shall prize highly. I was born June 1st, 1833, the same day and year as the late Justice Harlan of the U. S. Supreme Court. Having outlived that good jurist several years, in my case, at least, philately has proven healthier than law; At the age of eight I lost my hearing from an attack of scarlet fever and at thirteen I was sent to school to the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb in New York City, where I remained seven years, graduating in 1853. Two years after I married and the following year went out west locating at Menasha, Wisconsin, where I became the editor and proprietor of the local paper and held the office of postmaster six years, from 1856 to 1862. Ah! what a chance I had then to stock up on the earlier U. S. stamps if I could have foreseen what collecting would be. Well, 'it might have been'—but didn't! About three-quarters of the number of the people of the town were foreign born and postage rates to the old country were high; 24 cents to Great Britain; 30 cents to Germany; 35 cents to Denmark and Switzerland and higher to other parts. Rates to France were on the quarter ounce basis and letters from that country came on very thin paper. Letters usually came unpaid while replies from this side were prepaid usually, money being more plentiful here. I had no objection to that for as my salary came from percentages of amount of collection at my office I got it 'coming and going,' so to speak."

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Handling The 51's—It is something to talk about to tell of having cut the imperforates of the 1851 issue with one's own hands. Mr. Morehouse actually did sever the imperforates from one another with the convenient shears but no act of vandalism was committed as there were no philatelists then. Mr. Morehouse must dream occasionally of those glorious sheets of imperforates. He says: "When I took over the office the imperforates of 1851 were still in use and I remember using the editorial shears to divide them. I had all the denominations from one to twenty-four cents; there were no thirty and ninety cent and I doubt if they were issued. I never called for the thirty cent until the issue of 1861. When the stamps of that year were issued I was notified to order a full supply of them and to call in and redeem all the previous issues and return them to the department as these latter were to be demonetized on a certain date, the reason was given that so many postmasters in the southern states, then in rebellion refused to account for moneys in their possession or surrender the stamps still on hand; and it was decided to make the stamps valueless. I was 'fired' in 1862 for being a democrat but I had held the office eighteen months under Lincoln,—the hungry fellows after my place fought one another that length of time before one of them got it. I had the honor of having been the last democratic office-holder left in the state. Well, I have had quite a varied and active experience since and lived in different parts of the country and tried my hand at various pursuits and although an octogenarian am still in harness, being janitor to our two banks here. I have children, grandchildren and five great grand-children; and one of these last being my namesake will have my stamps, coins and curios when the last call comes to me. I collect everything in the stamp line that comes along, although lately, I have specialized in blocks of four, United States, of which I have a pretty good collection. I became a subscriber to the WEEKLY in the early '90's when it was published at St. Louis and with the exception of about three years when I was in California, I have been a regular ever since. Hope I may live to see it pass the 10,000 mark." Even so, we have not given all of Mr. Morehouse's letter which we may add is beautiful in its legibility. The WEEKLY feels indebted, indeed, to its oldest subscriber.

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A-Plenty—Auction sales this month are almost as plentiful as June brides and where once the summer auction sale of stamps was something of an experiment it is now a routine proceeding. Theoretically, warm weather prices should be lower but we cannot see that the heat has melted them to any great extent.

I am starting on an extensive European trip and will visit all the important stamp centers, expecting to return in August. During my absence, my brother and assistant Joseph Klein (A. P. S. 4278) will carry on the business as usual, fill orders and answer letters addressed to me.

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Toppan's great book on U. S. Stamps.
***Panama**, Nos. 181-2-3-4..... " .93
Japan 1908, 5 yen green. " .35
Tunis 1906, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35c.... " .29
***Costa Rica** '89, 1c to 1p..... " .27
***Hayti** '98, Unp. 2, 5, 10c..... " .22
1896, 1, 3, 5, 7, 20c palms..... " .31
205 all different foreign stamps.
105 " " U. S. Stamps.
***Arequipa** '81, 10c (No. 7)..... " .35
***Salvador** '97, 1c, 5c four colors..... " .18
* " '93, 2p, 5p..... " .24
Nice Stamp Album holds 546 stamps.
***Nicaragua** '69, 5c black..... " .75
***Honduras** '78-'89, 1c, ½r, 1r, 2r, 1p.. " .29
Siam 1910, 2 to 28 satangs..... " .46
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THE SIXTH ISSUE.

The parcel post division of the Prussian Post-office dealt with parcels, money orders, and insured letters and, prior to 1866, payments in connection with these were made in cash. With a view to saving the immense amount of labor entailed by booking all these small cash items it was decided to issue stamps of the values of 10 and 30sgr and, according to an official notice of November 24th, 1866, these were not to be sold to the public but were to be affixed to the parcels, etc. by the postal clerks. These stamps were of different types and also quite distinct in design from all other Prussian stamps. The designs were drawn by Schilling and he engraved the original dies on copper. These dies may now be seen in the Berlin Postal Museum. The design for the 10 silbergroschen shows large open numerals in the centre of a transverse oval band inscribed "PREUSSEN" in the upper portion and "SILB. GR." in the lower, the intervening spaces being filled with fourteen small Prussian eagles. The oval rests on a rectangular background which has no exterior frame. The ground work consists of a repetition of the words "ZEHN SILBERGROSCHEN" in very small type. There are thirty-two rows of lettering in all and the inscription is shown three times in each row. In the large numeral "1" the word "POSTMARKE" is shown in small type and the same word appears twice in the large "O." The design for the 30 silbergroschen shows open numerals within a transverse oblong rectangular frame similarly inscribed to the 10sgr. In this value there are 10½ Prussian eagles on each side of the frame between the inscriptions. The background shows the words "DREISSIG SILBERGROSCHEN" repeated twice in each of twenty horizontal rows, while the "POSTMARKE" is engraved in each of the large numerals as in the case of the 10sgr. Mr. Wedmore describes the manner in which these two stamps were manufactured as follows:—

> The design was engraved in positive form; that is to say, an impression from the die would show the stamp reversed. From the die electrotypes were taken and arranged in ten horizontal rows of ten each. The rows were numbered in the margin on all four sides. The stamps were then printed on a special transparent paper (not goldbeater's skin), one side of which was painted over with a solution of collodium and gelatine before the printing. The stamps were printed on the side thus treated, and the gum was then applied on the same side. From the foregoing description it will be seen that the printed side of the paper was affixed to the parcel, but the paper being transparent and the stamp being positively engraved, the design was visible in its proper form on what we may call the obverse side. The stamps were rouletted in the same manner as before described, but on a new frame which made 10 roulettes in 20 centimetres. The unique method of production was the invention of a German-American, who had sold the patent to the Prussian Government some few years before these stamps were issued.

Although Prussia joined the North German Confederation on January 1st, 1868, and in common with other members of the Union ceased to issue its own distinctive stamps there was such a large stock of these 10 and 30 groschen stamps on hand that the Confederation continued to use them until the end of February, 1869.



Reference List.

1866. No Wmk. Rouletted 10.

20. 10sgr rose, Scott's No. 21.
21. 30sgr blue, Scott's No. 22.

THE SEVENTH ISSUE.

Prussia, having purchased the remaining rights of the Princes of Thurn & Taxis for the sum of three million thaler (about $2,250,000), from July 1st, 1867, was obliged to provide a series of stamps in kreutzer currency until further arrangements could be made. These stamps were also used in that part of Bavaria which was ceded to Prussia by the treaty of August 22nd, 1866, at the close of the war. Five values were issued in all—1, 2, 3, 6 and 9kr. One kreuzer was equal to 3 3/7 pfennige, and the letter rates were fixed at 3, 6 and 9 kreuzer as being the nearest equivalents to 1, 2 and 3 silbergroschen. The two lower values were used for printed matter, samples and postcards.

The design is the same for all and consists of a Prussian eagle within a hexagonal frame intercepted at the sides by a large block for the numerals of value, which form part of the solid background on which the eagle is embossed. At the top is "PREUSSEN" on an engine-turned background, and at the base is "KREUZER" on a similar ground.

For the central design of the Prussian eagle the same die was used as for the stamps of 1861-65, while the engraving of the rest of the design for the respective values was the work of Schilling. The stamps were printed in sheets of 100, in ten rows of ten, and rouletted 16. All four margins were numbered at the ends of the horizontal and vertical rows.



Reference List.

1867. No Wmk. Rouletted 16.

22. 1kr green, Scott's No. 23.
23. 2kr orange, Scott's No. 24.
24. 3kr rose, Scott's No. 25.
25. 6kr blue, Scott's No. 26.
26. 9kr bistre, Scott's No. 27.

REMAINDERS.

The use of Prussian stamps ceased on December 31st, 1867 for, on the following day, the stamps of the North German Confederation came into use. There were considerable remainders of the issues of 1861-67 and towards the end of 1868 attempts were made to dispose of these. The late M. Moens was offered the lot comprising no less than a quarter of a million sheets of the issues of 1861-67 besides a large number of envelopes and a big stock of the obsolete stamps of Schleswig Holstein. The minimum price was to be the cost of manufacture which, in the case of the stamps, was 2½ thalers per 100 sheets. The value of the entire lot was estimated at 3,000 thalers and as no purchaser could be found at that figure the numbers were reduced, a portion of the stock being sold to a papermaker for the purpose of being reduced to pulp. The remainder were carefully tabulated and consisted, so far as the Prussian stamps were concerned, of the following:—

1850	6pf 270 copies.
	1sgr 19 copies.
	2sgr 13 copies.
	3sgr 38 copies.
1856	4pf 85 copies.
	4pf 21 copies (unwatermarked paper).
1857	6pf 80 copies.
	1sgr 10 copies.
	2sgr 6 copies.
	3sgr 30 copies.
1858	4pf 88 copies.
	1sgr 79 copies.
	2sgr 64 copies.
	3sgr 61 copies.
1861	4pf, 6pf, 1, 2, 3sgr, 30,000 of each.
1865	3pf 30,000.
1867	1, 2, 3, 6, 9kr, 30,000 of each.

The 10 and 30sgr, as we have already shown, were not offered for sale, these being used up as stamps of the Confederation itself. This lot together with about 10,000 envelopes, and over 270,000 stamps of Schleswig Holstein were sold to the late Mr. Julius Goldner, of Hamburg, for 1,000 thalers (about $750). The comparatively small quantities of the 1850-58 issues were immediately acquired by M. Moens and it was not long before the balance of the stock was entirely dispersed.

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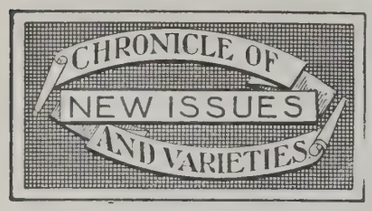
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UNITED STATES.—Frank M. Mason informs us that Providence, R. I., has changed its method of precancelling stamps. The familiar rubber stamp has been discarded in favor of a type printed overprint, reading, "Providence —Rhode—Island." This is in three lines of condensed Gothic type between two medium heavy rule lines.

ALBANIA.—*Stamp Collecting* says that a complete series of Albanian postage stamps, with portrait of Prince William of Wied, is in course of preparation at the State Printing Works at Vienna. Like the Scanderbeg series, they will be presented to the Albanian Government free of cost. Attention has just been called to an error in No. 1220. The unit of value is "qint" and not "quint" as there printed.

ARGENTINE.—*Stamp Collecting* reports having seen the 50c value on the new watermarked paper.

BULGARIA.—Certain offices in Bulgaria have been supplied with certain values of the current series surcharged with a large "T" in thick blue ink for use as postage due stamps. *L'Echo* reports having seen the 5s, 10s, 30s, and 50s of 1911 and the 15s surcharged of 1913, with this overprint.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—The Sterling Stamp Co. sends us specimens of the 3d violet on yellow, 1sh black on green and 10sh green and carmine on green, all on paper surface tinted with white back. These were chronicled some time since.

CHILE.—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* reports having seen the current 20c stamp of Chile with inverted head.

CUBA.—*Maury's Collectionneur* reports that the 1p of 1910 has been issued in black instead of slate and black. As the map stamps are now being issued, it is possible that the Roloff stamps were printed some time ago.

GUADELOUPE.—*Maury's Collectionneur* is informed that all stamps of the issues prior to that of 1905-07 have been retired and will be burned.

JAPAN.—*Stamp Collecting* says that owing to the death of the Dowager Empress, the Coronation has been postponed, and therefore no commemorative issue will appear this year.

MEXICO.—L. J. Ragatz informs us that the Mexican Constitutionalists have surcharged some 5c stamps, Scott's No. 314, recently captured, with the letters "G. C. M." in large script type. This means "Gobierno Constitutionalista Mexico." Only a few offices have been supplied to date. Other values may be similarly surcharged shortly, as the stock of stamps of most values is very low. Mr. Ragatz has both used and unused specimens, but has not found any varieties of overprint as yet.

PHILIPPINES.—H. W. Wolseley writes that the 4p value has been issued on the single-line watermarked paper, as he received one a short time ago. As stated in No. 1223, this completes the series on the new paper.

ST. HELENA.—A letter received in Boston, recently, from the Island states that all the remainders of the King Edward stamps have been destroyed.

THE BRITISH ANNUAL CONGRESS.

The King and the Congress.—Of course the talk of the week in town has almost entirely centred upon the Congress. It is the sixth of these great gatherings of collectors, and it will be remembered by many as one of the happiest and perhaps the most signally successful of the series. In the first place this year's Congress has had the great honour of the patronage of His Majesty the King. His Majesty's interest has not rested just in nominal patronage, but has been a lively influence throughout the three days of the Congress. There was the gracious invitation to Windsor Castle, the not less gracious message to the delegates on the occasion of the official banquet, and what delighted the delegates even more than these generous tokens of recognition was th opportunity of seeing a portion of the royal collection, the "Mafeking" stamps, of which a description appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Opening Ceremony.—It was unfortunate that the Postmaster-General was unable to be present to formally open the Congress but the delegates found in Captain Norton, M. P., the Assistant Postmaster-General, a delightful speaker, who made the most of his opportunities at the opening ceremony.

A Collector in the 'Sixties.—Captain Norton alluded to the early postal arrangements of Paris and the Kingdom of Sardinia, in connection with which stamped papers were issued, and mentioned without entering upon controversy the rival claims of Hill and Chalmers to the invention of the postage stamp. Taking a very practical view of the claims he thought it mattered little which of them gave us the postage stamp, what mattered more was that the General Post Office had done so much to develop the stamp system. During his lifetime, he said, the old red penny stamp went through no fewer than 150 modifications. The Captain claimed to have been one of the earliest collectors, when a small boy at school in France in the 'sixties. He had what was then considered a very good collection, inasmuch as collecting had only just begun. He much regretted having parted with that collection for a very small number of francs, but there was some satisfaction (to the other fellows!) in the thought that some of his stamps might have gone to enrich the collections of some of the gentlemen present at the Congress. He alluded to the great increase of public interest in stamp collecting, congratulated the meeting on its objects, especially that which concerned the campaign against forgeries. In Philatelists he considered they had a large army of amateur detectives ready to assist in putting a stop to forgery. He also referred to the "Junior" motion on the agenda and said that to take the young collector in hand was most important from the educational point of view and to strengthen all the philatelic societies in the country.

The Post Office and Philatelists.—The Chairman, Mr. M. P. Castle, M.V.O., J.P., moved a vote of thanks to Captain Norton, and took the opportunity of emphasising the value of the philatelic community to the stamp issuing countries of the world. Forgery was constantly going on, not only of the old and rare stamps which collectors sought but of stamps in use at the present day. There was some reason therefore that the Post Office should bestow a friendly recognition upon philatelists. He also complimented Captain Norton's Department on the improvements in our postage stamps at present in use.

The Greatest Advantage of the Congress.—Mr. Castle, after the formal opening, delivered a short address of welcome to the delegates on behalf of the hosts, the Royal Philatelic Society. He said the greatest advantage in these Congresses was that collectors were persuaded to leave their lone furrows and become better acquainted with each other.

Humour that was Rare.—The business part of the Congress proceedings opened in rather a desultory fashion. Rarely did a speaker disturb even momentarily the stern gravity of the meetings, but one London delegate certainly took the "chill" off the afternoon meeting by referring to the sum of £15 collected for the Forgery Committee's work as "a flea-bite in the ocean." More mirth was, however, raised by a delegate nominated for the Permanent Committee assuring the Chairman, Mr. M. P. Castle, that he "should certainly not resign in his (Mr. Castle's) favour." Yet another bon mot was the dictum that "in force there is unity."

The Propriety of Press Reports.—But we could have done with a few more lapses of the tongue, or else some humorous souls with a more humorous way of putting things. There was some fun during the first morning when one of the most able and regular supporters of the Congress, Mr. F. A. Bellamy, F. R. A. S., one of the representatives of the Oxford Philatelic Society, seconded the motion (proposed by Mr. J. J. Darlow) that:—

> "No other but the officially appointed Shorthand Reporter be allowed to take down Verbatim Reports of the proceedings of the Congresses, and this motion be added to the standing Rules governing the Philatelic Congresses of Great Britain. Nevertheless nothing in this Rule shall prevent any person giving in language of his own a description of the various meetings and the happenings thereat."

Mr. Bellamy's Views.—Mr. Bellamy, I think, rather surprised the delegates by his seriousness over this matter, though at the outset he dealt with the matter in a lighter vein. It seemed evident he loved not the Press with its efforts to serve up news (and other matter) in a manner that would prove palatable to the readers of the different classes of journals. He seemed to deem it an indignity for the Congress to be mentioned in a newspaper on the same page as a "bald man and a white rabbit." He quoted some headlines (extraordinary large ones, he said) which had been used to describe Congress reports in newspapers in the past.

Some Headlines Quoted.—I fear Mr. Bellamy rather tickled than angered the Congress by his quotations of these headlines, such as

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which indeed is more complimentary than otherwise. Other titles quoted were "King Interested—New Stamps for the King—Stampless Age—Philatelists meet for a Council of War—Fascinating Hobby of Stamp Collecting—Romance of the Hobby—The Wonder—Sermon to Fishes—Landed at Margate—Foolish Philatelists."

What Would Mr. Pickwick Have Said?—The feeling of the meeting appeared to be that there was something more in the "verbatim" motion than met the eye, and speaker after speaker indicated that the motion as printed would not be acceptable to the meeting. The discussion was a long one, and some quite remarkable views were expounded on the Press, on Copyright, on Reporting, on the Honour of Delegates (even such as might at the same time be pressmen), and upon the Literary Construction of the Motion. It was a debate that would have delighted the soul, and inspired the pen of one of the world's most famous journalists, the late Mr. Charles Dickens, for whose report of the proceedings in the Pickwickian sense I should have been content to sacrifice even the valuable "verbatim" reports so carefully edited by the Recording Committee, also yclept "Angels" of the ilk, by some of the less reverend delegates.

In the end the Chairman formulated and moved an amendment which left it open to anybody to prepare and publish any reports they pleased, but which laid down that the Congress should only recognise the official verbatim report as prepared by the Recording Committee.

More Exciting News.—How far were the fears justified as to the anxiety of the newspaper press to give "verbatim" reports of the Congress in London? Practically no reports appeared of the first day's proceedings. The *Times* contained no account whatever on Thursday, the *Daily Mail* had six lines, and the *Daily Express* had a supposedly humorous little skit, which no doubt greatly tickled its author, but failed to disturb the gravity of the Delegates. The newspapers were far too busy following the more exciting, if less amusing, congresses of Suffragettes who were particularly active during those tropical days of last week.

What the Congress Did.—What did the Congress do to justify its existence as the Philatelist's Parliament? It passed the Pro-Press amendment to the supposed Anti-Press motion. It elected a Recording Committee, but left little for the two members to record save the lively debates on the rights of other parties to do any recording of their own. It received several reports, *viz.*, those of the Permanent Committee, of the Auditors, of the Forgery and National Collection Sub-Committees. It passed practically unanimously the motion by Messrs. Hollick and Bellamy—

"That in the opinion of the Congress it is desirable that every Philatelic Society shall have a Junior Section."

Business Comes to a Sudden Ending.—That sums up the purely business transactions of the Congress. There was a motion by the Oxford Philatelic Society—

"That in view of the absence of numbers to the titles (in heavy type) in the Crawford Catalogue of Philatelic Literature, and of the labour and increasing inconvenience in quoting the journals, it is desirable that a hand-list of these titles, with consecutive numbers prefixed be prepared and printed in octavo size" (Proposed by Mr. F. A. Bellamy, seconded by Mr. W. H. Tarrant).

But, unhappily, Mr. Bellamy appears to have too deeply regretted the failure to secure the approval of the Congress to his "verbatim" report motion, and asked leave to withdraw this, which leave being granted left practically no business for the concluding session of the Congress to transact on the Friday morning.

Nearly all the Wednesday and Friday morning sessions were taken up with the discussion of the reporting of the Congress proceedings. On the Friday there was an attempt to get the Congress to rescind the "Pro-Press" resolu-

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tion of Wednesday, owing to the attitude taken by the appointed Recording Committee. The revival of the discussion, none too pleasant, and little creditable to a Congress of British philatelists, was unfortunate, but no one would suggest that those gentlemen who would have desired the Congress to vote otherwise than as it did on this subject, lacked interest and concern for the welfare of Philately in general and the Congress in particular. But to us, quite apart from the strong and definite views we hold upon the desirability of allowing the fullest freedom to anybody to report the proceedings, it does seem that the matter for primary concern is not as to who may be permitted to report, but that there shall be something discussed and something achieved that will really be worth anyone's while reporting at all. Though we are no less friendly to the Congress, no less desirous of its welfare, and its prosperous and useful continuance, we felt and many of the delegates shared the feeling, that the predominant discussion at the Sixth Philatelic Congress (that concerning verbatim reports) was scarcely worth recording in any shape or form.

The Undelivered "Closing Address."—The Congress closed in a rather sorrowful way. Major Evans, who had been with us during the first two days, was to have given a closing address on the Friday. His closing addresses in the past have been rare mixtures of tragedy and comedy. They have been tragic as valedictory addresses, except to Congresses of mothers-in-law, generally are, but if we must have "closing addresses," if even such good things as Congresses must come to an end, then we could wish no more delightful parting shots than those which Major Evans is able to give. But Major Evans was unfortunately too unwell to attend, the excessive heat of these days having brought on an attack of hay fever. The news cast a cloud over the closing meeting of the Congress, but it is to be hoped that the hero of many philatelic campaigns will soon be restored to his usual health, and that he may make up for his absence on Friday last by many successive "closing addresses" to sweeten the parting of the delegates after future Congresses. —*Postage Stamp.*

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—The editor of the WEEKLY, Charles E. Severn, will represent this publication in attendance upon the annual convention of the A. P. S. to be held at Buffalo, N. Y., in August. Mrs. Severn will accompany Mr. Severn.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Wm. L. Hamilton, Jr., Geo. H. Scharr, Jos. L. Weber, Herman Boers (3), Wm. F. Works, A. N. Frey.

—The May number of *Linn's Way* is brim full of Sonora matter. It is of special interest in view of the popularity of these stamps.

AS SEEN IN "SMART SET."

In the March issue of this magazine is a story with a bit of philatelic flavor though it may not add very many recruits to the ranks of our hobby. We make this excerpt:—

"Kathryn Stackwood had married Phillips Brice, of the Brices of Stonedale. It was a love match; money was no object on either side. She was a charming woman, four years older than Orville; her husband weighed one hundred and twenty pounds, wore a drooping mustache and collected postage stamps. He had the best collection of Indo-China revenue issues ever brought together in the United States. A British collector, hearing of the Brice collection, had journeyed to this country in a wheel chair to see it, and had died on the way home—of a broken heart, it is said. Mr. Brice also had a Canadian stamp without perforations on the side.

Orville was well received at his sister's house. Brice took a strong fancy to him. Before the first day was over he presented his brother-in-law with a rare Bermuda stamp, with which to start a collection. "But remember to specialize," he warned Orville. "Most collectors fail in trying to cover too much ground. Don't get side-tracked. I made the mistake once of trying to collect New South Wales in addition to my Indo-China. But I saw my mistake in time."

On one occasion Mr. Brice came home in a state of pure intoxication—of a non-alcoholic kind. "What do you think of that?" he asked of Orville, laying a stamp on the table in front of him.

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

SOME THINGS THAT BOTHER THE BEGINNER.

(*Continued from last week.*)

Perforations are, in most cases, of little importance to the beginner, and the less attention he pays to them, the less trouble they will give him. Perforated and unperforated varieties, of course, are varieties of importance, but the mere difference in size of the holes is a matter of little consequence to the collector of limited means who is trying to collect in general. When one undertakes to "specialize" a country, it is quite permissible to collect every possible distinction. If the collector feels inclined to study perforations, however, he will find a perforation gauge and millimeter scale indispensable in his work. Every collector should have this little article, as it is inexpensive, and a great help in measuring surcharges and differences in design and size.

Paper varieties offer quite a little trouble to the beginner, and sometimes even to the experienced philatelist. An article on this subject will appear shortly, as this problem is too long to settle here.

Surcharges are sometimes troublesome to the beginner. With the aid of his catalogue and album, however, he should be able to classify these varieties readily. Many collectors limit themselves to unsurcharged stamps only. The writer, who is an enthusiastic collector of South and Central American stamps, finds a great deal of pleasure in the surcharged stamps, and in his opinion, surcharged stamps are as distinct a variety from the unsurcharged as though the design of the stamp itself were different. A collection of surcharges alone would make an exceptionally interesting study, if the collector were able to give the reasons for every over-print.

Colors and shades are confusing to all stamp collectors, advanced, medium, or novice. The fact that there seems to be no fixed chart of colors in stamp collecting is probably the cause of most of the confusion. Nearly every catalogue differs on the names for the various shades, and a stamp that is scarlet in one list may be vermilion in another, orange red in another, scarlet vermilion in yet another, and so on, down the entire line of catalogues. Also, a stamp of one country may be listed as sky blue, while a stamp of another country in exactly the same shade will be called light blue, or even peacock blue. Also, practically every printing of a stamp is of a slightly different shade, so in a large majority of stamps, in fact, in nearly every stamp, the shades are many more in number than are listed in the catalogue. The writer has twelve very distinct shades of the 2c United States 1910 issue in his collection, and knows of at least four others, and yet this stamp is listed only under one shade.

Differences of types, or designs, are puzzling to the collector, and in many instances, experience seasoned with a little imagination is necessary to detect them. Careful study is essential in detecting many of these distinctions, but as this is the foundation of stamp collecting, the collector will not regret the time devoted to the work. Practically all types and differences in designs are explained in the catalogue, though many of the explanations leave the collector as much at sea as before. A great many of these differences are interesting and rather important. Also, many are far-fetched and are of importance only to the specialist. Of course, as the catalogues are designed for both beginner and specialist, it is necessary that all varieties be included.

The process of manufacture is also responsible for some of the beginner's complications. Lithographed and engraved stamps are often very hard to tell apart. The stamps of Hungary and Uruguay offer good examples of these two methods of printing, as the same design appears both ways. Lithographed stamps are often of crude appearance, so much so, in fact, that they are often taken for counterfeits. They lack the sharp, clean cut appearance of the engraved stamps, and do not bring out the design as well. In manufacturing the stamps, the design on engraved stamps is cut into the plate, and in taking the impression, the ink collects in the cut design and causes the raised effect, more commonly noticed in engraved calling cards and bank notes. In lithographing, the design is *not* cut in the stone (used in place of the plate) but is applied to the smooth surface. The "white" or unprinted part of the design is drawn on the stone in a greasy substance which will not take ink. The printed portion of the design is free from this grease, and accordingly gives the impression. There being no indentation in the stone, the ink does not collect, and is accordingly perfectly smooth on the stamp. These stamps can nearly always be distinguished by feeling them. In this connection, let me urge the collector to "feel" them and handle them as little as possible. Use stamp tongs in handling your stamps. Thumb prints are all right in police records, but are decidedly out of place on stamps.

Minor varieties offer many complications, but as their name implies, they are usually of minor importance, and most collections do very well without them. They consist chiefly of differences of shade, perforations applied unofficially, "type" differences of slight variation, errors and differences of surcharge, and errors in perforation or printing (as in stamps with inverted centers). The surcharge and printing errors are usually interesting, and often very costly. The perforation errors are generally more interesting than the various perforations in major varieties. The color differences are the least important in the list.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. S., Guthrie, Okla.—Colombian Republic, No. 363, perf. 13 at the top only would be called a part perforate. Imperforates are stamps that have no perforations at all. These Colombians come with unusually large margins, and it is possible that this stamp has been trimmed. Part perforates and imperforates are not unusual in this country, however, so it is equally possible that your stamp is a genuine part perforate. Colombians are pretty hard sellers and do not bring much at best, so it would be hard to set a price on this. If it was in a pair, or used on cover, it would be more desirable. In short, the stamp is worth about what you can get for it, depending on how badly the buyer wants it.

The Dutch Indies stamp without the dot over the "E" would also probably be of interest only to a specialist in these stamps. It is impossible to fix a price on stamps of this nature. The only way is to ask what you consider a fair price, based on cost. I should suggest about five times catalogue.

The same remarks may apply to the Guatemala stamp with the error "Nac onales." However, this stamp is considerably commoner. In my own collection, I have two different errors of the sort, but have not picked up a normal variety.

The Trinidad ½d stamp is used for both postal and revenue purposes, and when cancelled by pen or pencil, is undoubtedly a revenue. This stamp might be of value to a revenue collector. I am no authority on foreign revenues, so can't help you very much on placing a value on a stamp of this sort.

The British Guiana stamp, type A13, while printed in one color, is no doubt printed from two plates, or by the "key plate" method, which would account for the value "one cent" being nearer the top of the label in some stamps than in others. In using this method, one plate is made for the design proper, while another is used for the value only. In this way, the entire set may be run from one plate by changing the value plate for each value. This same method is used for many of the French, British and Portuguese Colonials.

A. G., Benton Harbor, Mich.—The 2c Bank Check revenue in brown is probably a chemical changeling, and has been "oxidized." A bath in peroxide of hydrogen will bring back the orange color. These revenues, especially the orange and red ones, oxidize very frequently.

Your French Guinea stamp with word "GUINEF" is probably caused by either a broken letter "E" or an improper impression. As far as I know, no errors exist in the setting of these stamps.

Your ½d Great Britain colored blue has probably suffered the same change as mentioned above. It is claimed that sea water will cause these stamps to turn blue, so it is possible that your stamp was in a ship-wreck, or has been taking sea baths. Also, it may be oxidized, the same as the revenue.

J. P., Snohomish, Wash.—I will use your letter in an article shortly. Why not let me help you organize a local stamp club?

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By G. A. Chandler.

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REPRINTS.

In 1864 requests were made to the Prussian postal authorities by several European governments for specimens of all stamps that had been issued. As there were no more supplies of the first issue at the Head Post Office (the few included in the remainders were found in some of the smaller offices at a later date, presumably) the five values were reprinted in complete sheets from the original plates. Regarding these reprints Mr. Wedmore tells us:—

The reprints of the 1, 2 and 3sgr values were made on unwatermarked paper, and can therefore easily be distinguished from the originals. The colors of the papers are almost identical with those employed for the issued stamps.

The reprints of the 4pf stamps were also on unwatermarked paper. Two shades are known—a pale yellow-green and a dark blue-green. The latter is by many supposed to be a color trial of the year 1856, but the gumming, and above all the paper, resemble so closely that used for the yellow-green printing and the 1864 reprint of the 6pf stamp, that it seems more probable that the blue-green shade was printed in 1864 owing to the yellow-green being of poor appearance.

The reprint of the 6pf stamp is on similar paper to the foregoing, and can be distinguished from the 1860 printing of that stamp on unwatermarked paper by the absence of the colorless network. There is also a difference in the shade, but I am not expert enough in color definitions to describe it.

Small quantities of these reprints were supplied to private persons and to dealers at face value, and some copies of the 1 and 2sgr are known used postally.

The total quantity printed of each value was very small, and these 1864 reprints are now quite scarce.

In 1873 a number of reprints were made for Julius Goldner, of Hamburg, who paid a certain sum to the government for the benefit of the soldiers wounded in the Franco-Prussian war. The quantities of these were as follows:

4pf 500 sheets of 150 stamps = 75,000
6pf 500 sheets of 150 stamps = 75,000
1sgr 200 sheets of 150 stamps = 30,000
2sgr 200 sheets of 150 stamps = 30,000
3sgr 200 sheets of 150 stamps = 30,000

Mr. Wedmore gives interesting details of these reprints as follows:—

These reprints are all on watermarked paper which was made in the same moulds as that used for the original stamps, and the two lower values resemble very closely the genuine stamps. The paper is thicker and coarser than the originals, and the gum is thick, smooth, and "glassy" in appearance. The printing is generally smudgy, and the green of the 4pf stamp has a fresh, bright appearance. The 6pf is of a more orange shade of vermilion than is found in the originals.

The paper on which the silbergroschen values were printed is similar in texture to that employed for the lower values, and the gum is also the same. The color of the paper employed for the 1sgr is a pale wine-red. The plates were badly cleaned during the printing, and the stamps, consequently, have a dirty appearance.

The same remarks apply to the 2 and 3sgr values, except as to the color of the papers. That used for the 2sgr value has changed color, so that the stamps now usually appear to be printed on a very pale blue paper sprinkled with dark blue spots, which shew either on the face or the back of the stamp. In the case of the 3sgr reprints, which were originally on yellow paper, the color has now mostly changed to a pale grey, sometimes with yellow or pinkish spots, owing to some chemical action.

The whole of the printing was delivered to Julius Goldner, no supply being retained by the postal authorities, so that the Postal Museum officials had to purchase, in 1890, some complete sheets for the collection.

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In addition to the reprints of the 1850-56 stamps described above so-called reprints of the 1857 issue were made in 1864 but these are nothing better than official imitations. The original electrotyped plates employed in printing the originals had long since been destroyed as also had the dies from which the electrotypes had been struck. It was necessary, therefore, to make entirely new dies. These were made from a wood-block which now reposes in the Berlin Postal Museum with other interesting relics of the Prussian post.

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12c orange, o. g. fine	.09	10 peso light green, o. g. fine.....	6.50
16c olive green, o. g. fine	.12	10c Spec. Deliv., o. g. fine.....	.15
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Though an attempt was made to copy the original design as closely as possible there are many differences by which the imitations can be easily recognised. The most prominent of these is a period in place of a colon after the word "SILBERGR." The "G" of the same word has no crossbar and the "F" of "FREIMARKE" has a projecting line at the top left side.

The 3sgr is in a yellow tint very similar to that of the originals but the 1sgr and 2sgr are in shades unlike any found in the genuine stamps. The former is bright crimson and the latter a lavender-blue. The paper is white-wove and thin and the gum is thin, smooth and white like that of the reprints of the same period. These official imitations were printed from plates specially constructed and afterwards destroyed so that when an additional supply was required in 1873 they were printed direct from the wood-block, and the three subsidiary dies taken from the wood-block. Mr. Wedmore tells us that these were printed "on strips of paper measuring about 2¼ by 6½ inches. On each strip were printed the 1sgr, 3sgr, 2sgr and woodblock (without value) in the order named, and impressions were taken in carmine red, deep blue, brownish yellow and black. These are ungummed."

Forgeries.

Forgeries of the first three issues are fairly plentiful but all I have seen are so crude that they would hardly deceive the veriest tyro. Mr. Wedmore states that forgeries of the 10sgr and 30sgr are also known though I have never come across these. They are said to be a little dangerous though the eagles and lettering are very badly drawn compared with the originals. The paper is very different being thin and white instead of tough and yellowish as in the genuine stamps.

THE WASHINGTON COLLECTION.

The $100,000 collection of postage stamps that for years has been gathering dust in the archives of the postoffice department is being arranged and classified for exhibition at the National museum. J. B. Leavy, government philatelist, and T. T. Belote, head of the museum's division of history, expect to have the exhibit in permanent shape within about a year.

Officials of the museum and the postoffice department say the only collection of stamps which excels in completeness the one now being arranged is that owned by the British museum.

There are specimens of every variety and denomination of stamps ever issued by this government, as well as a collection of practically all the stamps ever used by any government since the use of postage stamps began. Included in the collection are specimens of the original British stamp of the forties, which was as large as an ordinary envelope of today, as well as the sizes issued in later years.

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Among the most valuable stamps in the collection are the Franklin carrier stamp of the forties, which brings $100 the "Type I" of 1851, whose faded square inch of paper is valued at $200, and the one cent type of the same year and like value.—*Commonwealth Weekly.*

THE KING'S MAFEKING EXHIBIT.

By Fred. J. Melville.

At the small private exhibition of stamps arranged in connection with the Philatelic Congress at the Baptist House His Majesty King George, who owns one of the finest private collections of stamps in the world, was the most distinguished exhibitor. King George is an enthusiast in the study of stamps of the British Empire, and the selection chosen on the present occasion was the most representative of the recent history of our own modern Imperial development. The famous siege of Mafeking which gave a new word to our language, gave us also a series of stamps of the most peculiarly historical significance. It was of these stamps that His Majesty gave so remarkable a display at the exhibition which formed part of the entertainment for the delegates at the Philatelic Congress at Southampton Row on Wednesday night.

It is only about fifteen years since this unique historical issue of stamps came into being. The present writer wrote at the time to the then Major-General Baden Powell for particulars of the stamps which had been reported to have been issued during the siege, eliciting some information of a remarkably interesting character. During the siege, in fact shortly before March 23, 1900, it was found possible to forward despatches by runners from Mafeking, both by the north and south routes, and a service was accordingly established by the military authorities. Owing to the high amounts which had to be paid to the runners it was decided to charge special rates for any private letters conveyed and the following tariff was adopted, viz.:—

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The overprinted stamps of which the King has shown a really wonderful array, included many Cape of Good Hope stamps with the additional impression reading "MAFEKING BESIEGED" and some English stamps already overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" or "British Bechuanaland" with the Mafeking imprint in addition. Some of these stamps are of a very high degree of rarity as for instance, the 1s on 6d "Bechuanaland Protectorate" of which only 240 copies were printed, and the 2s on 1s of which 570 were printed.

The following is a list of these scarce Mafeking varieties with a record of the numbers printed, which record gives a fair idea of their scarcity. The King has shown this week that of these stamps he has probably the finest collection extant.

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1880, 5c pale blue	.10
1887, 1c green, unused	.06
2c red orange	.05
3c brown	.08
1890, 3c slate	.05
½c black, unused	.04
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Face value.	Description.	Number of stamps.
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½d	Great Britain, overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate," surcharged and overprinted "Mafeking 1d Besieged,"	6,000
1d	Great Britain, overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate," and "Mafeking 3d Besieged,"	1,800
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2d	Great Britain, overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" and "Mafeking 6d Besieged," (small type),	1,200
3d	Cape of Good Hope, overprinted "Mafeking 6d Besieged,"	840
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6d	Great Britain, overprinted "British Bechuanaland" and "Mafeking 1s Besieged,"	1,440
1s	Great Britain, overprinted "British Bechuanaland" and "Mafeking 2s Besieged,"	570
3d	Local Postage Stamps, with photograph of Lt.-Gen. Baden-Powell's bust (small size),	6,072
3d	Local Postage Stamps, with photograph of Lt.-Gen. Baden-Powell's bust (large size),	3,036
1d	Local Postage Stamp, with photograph of Sergeant-Major Goodyear on bicycle,	9,476

Of all these varieties the King has copies, but in addition he has most of the minor and rarer varieties such as those which have no stop after the words "MAFEKING BESIEGED." Of these I noted the—

1d on ½d Cape of Good Hope.
3d on 1d Cape of Good Hope.
6d on 3d Cape of Good Hope.
1s on 4d Cape of Good Hope.
3d on 1d Great Britain.
1d on ½d Great Britain.

In addition there were such items as double surcharges of the 1s on 4d Great Britain, and another double surcharge of the same denomination in which one of the overprints was upside-down, and the 3d on 1d Great Britain doubly surcharged.

It may be remembered that during the stamp famine which occurred during the siege of Mafeking, stamps of special design were produced by ordinary photographic plates and printed on the blue ferroprussiate paper common in photographic work. One of these designs was prepared by Dr. W. A. Hayes, and showed a photograph of Sergeant-Major Goodyear on a bicycle. The King has several copies of this curious issue in his collection.

But the most popular of the special stamps produced by this photographic process was that designed by Captain Greener, the Chief Paymaster, and these owe a good deal of their popularity to the fact that they bear a portrait of the hero of Mafeking, General Baden-Powell. The Baden-Powell stamp exists in two sizes, and of the smaller sized stamp there is an extremely rare variety. As I have said these stamps were printed in the stress of siege conditions from ordinary photographic plates printed in an ordinary photographic printing frame by exposure to the light. In printing one sheet of the stamp with the smaller sized portrait of Baden-Powell the negative was inadvertently placed film side up so that the paper bore a reversed and slightly blurred print of the design. The reversed Baden-Powell portrait stamp, printed as a result of this accidental reversion of the negative, is one of the rarest stamps in existence, only twelve such copies having been printed, that is to say, one sheet of twelve stamps.

The King has one of these extremely rare reversed prints of the Baden-Powell portrait stamps and it is, I believe, one of not more than seven copies known to collectors.

All the series of Mafeking stamps are scarce, not more than about 60 letters being sent out of the town weekly via the North route, and not more than 30 by the South route during the siege. The Kaffir runners had to pass through the enemy's lines and get either to Bulwayo or Kimberley, the letters, in many cases being sewed to the soles of their shoes, for they wore shoes if little else. A number of them were captured but a good many got through and the stamps on the letters carried by them are "adhesive" records of some of the most stirring events in the recent history of the British Empire.

There was only a small exhibition of rare stamps prepared for the edification of the delegates to the Sixth Philatelic Congress, but in addition to the King's stamps mentioned above, the other exhibits comprised the cream of the collections of the best known philatelists of Great Britain. Mr. Horsley, J.P., for instance, showed just a few of his Western Australians, but amongst them was a fine copy of the great rarity known as the "Inverted Swan," a stamp which, when it was last offered at auction fetched £400. Mr. M. P. Castle, M.V.O., the President of the Royal Philatelic Society, showed some of his rare issues of British Guiana, and Captain Bates presented a series of unique essays for Great Britain stamps prepared in 1839, a few months prior to the introduction of the adhesive postage stamp. Altogether, the comparatively small room laid out with a display of stamps represented a market value of roughly £30,000, but it was only on exhibition for a few hours on Wednesday evening, and it seems a pity that no opportunity should have been afforded to the general public of seeing these interesting selections from some of the world's greatest stamp collections.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Eighty And Three—From New York City, we have received the following letter: "I congratulate Mr. Morehouse on his eighty-one years but this deponent has to take his laurels away. I am eighty-three years and three months old but as I do not enter the lists my name is not necessary. I have been a subscriber so long that I have forgotten the number of years but it is over fifteen years." Very graciously, "Old Subscriber" does not seek to detract from the fame of Mr. Morehouse and we feel a singular satisfaction in having these two octogenarians among our readers. The WEEKLY will keep them in its thoughts.

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Excellent Idea—Mr. C. A. Jenkins of the Cleveland *Leader* writes: "The residents of Lincoln Avenue, Lakewood, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, will have a street celebration July 4th. One of the big features will be a distribution of toys and gifts, contributed by merchants. This would be an opportunity for some wide-awake dealers to do missionary work. Small packets or sets, accompanied by advertising matter would be appropriate. There are about sixty school children on the street and any donations received by the writer will be distributed among them. If dealers want to follow up their gifts, names and addresses will be furnished. C. A. Jenkins, 1466 Lincoln Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio." Knowing Mr. Jenkins as we do, we do not hesitate to say that any dealers who may take advantage of his suggestion will be assured of faithful and intelligent service.

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Society Affairs—The annual distribution to members of ballot and proxy forms for use at the convention of the American Philatelic Society, Niagara Falls, August 11th, 1914 has been made. The secretary gives notice of a somewhat unusual condition that confronts the members in consequence of no nominations for a complete board of the nine directors. The Chicago Branch nominated the present secretary and treasurer, respectively, for another term, as these two gentlemen are regarded as Chicago's original candidates but out of deference to the Branches in the other cities that fittingly might propose their own candidates for re-election, no further action was taken. The past year in the American Philatelic Society has been one of quiet work and while we can recall no especial accomplishments of the administration, it is evident that the routine duties of the officers have been competently discharged; and it is likely that the entire board will be chosen again. Political interest seems to be almost wholly lacking this year in marked contrast to the rousing campaigns of many of the former years. As usual the editor of the WEEKLY will attend the convention and in case any of the members care to intrust him with their proxies he will be glad to receive them, with or without instructions. We want to make the coming convention a memorable one on the score of philatelic welfare work.

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Pioneer Posts—We notice that Mr. T. H. Hinton read an article on The Pioneer Posts of the United States of America before the International Postal Union, April 2nd, 1914, and in a prefatory vein he speaks of "the difficulties and dangers undergone by the early settlers and pioneers of a great nation." We wish to repeat that those who are interested in these posts should obtain for reference the book, A Thrilling and Truthful History of the Pony Express: With Other Sketches and Incidents of those Stirring Times, published by Rand, McNally & Company, Chicago, 1908. The history of "blazing the westward way" by Visscher is illustrated with a stamp cut and one of an entire envelope, among the other pictures. We chance to have before us a clipping of "correspondence of the New York *Times*" from Great Salt Lake City, U. T., Sept. 4, 1858, which says: "We regret exceeding to learn that our great central overland mail communication between the Atlantic and Pacific through this city has been interrupted by the Indians. Last Saturday, the conductor of the California mail, due on that day, arrived in this city without his mail. It appears that on or about the 22nd of last month, as the mail party—consisting of but two men—were camping for the night on the last crossing of the Humboldt river, a large band of Indians suddenly came upon them and took possession of everything which they had, mules, harness, provisions, and more important than all, the mail. The men escaped with their lives by hiding, at the first approach of the Indians in the brush along the river, and remained concealed until their departure. They then made their way on foot to the next station where they procured animals and came on as rapidly as possible to this city." Two companies of dragoons and two of infantry were sent immediately for that portion of the route to California after the Oregon and Digger Snake Indians.

A VERA CRUZ CANCELLATION.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Last week I got some mail from Vera Cruz, and I was much surprised to find that the old Mexican automatic canceling machine is no longer used. A new one has taken its place, of the regulation flag type so commonly used here in the States. The circle to the left of the flag is lettered around the circumference "VERA CRUZ, MEXICO." The hour and date appears in three lines—JUN 2—10 AM—1914.

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At a meeting of the D. P. S. held on June 12, it was unanimously resolved that the present board of Directors of the American Philatelic Society, for the ensuing year, be nominated for re-election, as follows:

C. A. Coolidge, Detroit, President; H. E. Crowell, John F. Rust and Alvin Good, Cleveland, Board of Vice Presidents; Wm. E. Ault, Jeffersonville, Ind., Secretary; C. F. Mann, Chicago, Ill., Treas.; L. Harald Kjellstedt, Scranton, Pa., International Sec.; E. M. Carpenter, Boston and H. B. Phillips, Berkeley, Cal., Directors at Large.

Following the meeting, an auction sale of some fifty odd lots were sold and refreshments were served.

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THE STAMPS OF MONTENEGRO.

By Fred J. Melville.

The earliest stamps of Nicholas, formerly Prince, now King, of the Montenegrins, are not attractive to look upon. They are crude lithographs, as crude as anything ever turned out from the Austrian Imperial Printing Works, showing a three-quarter face portrait of the Prince to the right, encircled by a garland of laurel, the whole being enclosed in a rectangular frame of solid colour, on which the inscriptions appear in uncoloured Russo-Sclavonic characters. These inscriptions comprise the value, the words "post" and "stamp," and an abbreviation of the native rendering of the name of the country, "Tsr. Gore," Tsernagore, the "Black Mountain," more familiarly known to us by the Italian style, Montenegro. The value is expressed in novtch, or novcic, which was the equivalent of the Austrian kreuzer, 100 novcica representing about 1s 8d.

These first postage stamps of the Principality of Montenegro were issued in May, 1874, at which time Nicholas I had been upon the throne fourteen years. From the first the stamps were perforated, and it is to the vagaries of the Austrian perforating machines that philatelists chiefly owe the complications which make so formidable the catalogue lists of varieties of Montenegrin stamps issued between the years 1874 and 1896. Originally the gauge of perforation was 10½ with large holes, but almost from the outset, in 1874, we get variations in the gauge, and the catalogue lists are but a condensation of the varieties possible to the specialist. During the years the first design was retained in use there were many printings, and the colours of these vary considerably, but there were only seven denominations, of each of which I give the earliest shade in the following list: 2 novcica, yellow; 3 novcica, green or yellow-green; 5 novcica, rosé-red; 7 novcica, mauve; 10 novcica, pale blue; 15 novcica, bistre; and 25 novcica, slate-lilac.





In 1893 Montenegro celebrated the fourth centenary of the introduction of printing into Tsernagore by overprinting the stamps of Prince Nicholas with a letterpress inscription in Russo-Sclavonic characters and with the dates "1493-1893." The overprinting was done at Cettinje, and the number and variety of errors in the setting of the type is scarcely a credit to the progress Montenegrin printing had made in the course of 400 years. In addition to the double and inverted overprint errors, and pairs in which one stamp has missed the overprint, there are varieties with 1494, 1495, and 14-3 in lieu of "1493," and wrong-fount letters and figures galore. The overprint was applied in black to most of the stamps, but in several cases it was in red of varying shades. Add to these complications the fact that most of the varieties may be found in at least two gauges of perforation, and it will be seen that there is a great deal for the specialist in Montenegrin stamps to collect.

The following year, 1894, saw the addition of six new denominations to the regular set of seven stamps then in use. These were the 1 novcic, grey-blue; 20 novcica, orange-brown; 30 novcica, brown-purple; 50 novcica, ultramarine; 1 florin, blue-green; and 2 florin, brown-lake, all of the same design as the first series.



In 1896 another commemoration, this time the second centenary of the founding of the Petrovic dynasty by the Vladika Danilo (1696), led to an entirely new series of stamps of a larger size, which were lithographed in Vienna. The one design common to all the denominations is a framed view of a monastery near Cettinje. The vignette being printed in a different colour from the frame, there are the usual errors, with the vignette printed upside down. The commemorative set apparently did not supersede the regular stamps, but was in use concurrently with the smaller-size stamps. The first seven denominations of these latter still in the first crude design, were issued in new colours in 1898.

The next series of stamps for Montenegro was brought about by a change of currency to hellers and krone in 1902, and the occasion was taken to introduce a new design, with a more up-to-date portrait of Prince Nicholas. There were nine values from 1 heller to 5 krone, and when in December, 1905, Prince Nicholas granted his people the Constitution the whole series was overprinted in red or black, with the letterpress including the inscription, "Constitution 1905." Of these overprints, as of the earlier ones, there are many varieties.







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From 1907 the regular postage stamps of Montenegro have been printed from recess plate, and the design of the 1907 issue, showing a full face portrait of the Prince, is an attractive one. The low values are expressed in para, but the higher ones retain the krone. The final series of the stamps with which these notes are concerned is the very handsome set issued in 1910 marking both the fiftieth anniversary of the accession of Nicholas I and his assumption of the title of King, in virtue of a resolution passed by the National Skupshtina on August 28 of that year. The series includes a pictorial life history of the new King. He is shown as he was in his student days in Paris; at the time of his wedding in 1860 along with his consort; in 1878 at the time when the independence of the country was recognized by the Powers, and there are three contemporary portraits, profile, three-quarter face, and the last from a painting depicting his Majesty riding at the head of his army.—*Daily Telegraph.*

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

ARGENTINE.—John H. Frederick has shown us the current 5c and 12c stamps, overprinted "M. J. I." for official use of the Ministry of Justice and Instruction as announced in No. 1175. Further, each stamp has an official control mark made with a rubber stamp, possibly the initials or name of some official in charge.

BOLIVIA.—L. J. Ragatz reports finding Scott's No. 96, with square period after "1911," and the same stamp surcharged in blue, both with and without the square period.

COSTA RICA.—L. J. Ragatz notes Scott's No. 80 with "Habilltado" instead of "Habilitado." Yvert & Tellier chronicle several varieties of a similar nature.

GIBRALTAR.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 5c on ½d King George of Great Britain. Type A82. The surcharge is like the issue of 1907, and not like the 10c on 1d chronicled in No. 1222.

Adhesive.

On stamps of Great Britain.
"5 centimos" on ½d green.

MEXICO.—L. J. Ragatz informs us that further values of the Federal issue have now been seen with "G.C.M." in manuscript, as noted in No. 1225. All values above 5c are reported to have been bought up by one man. The stamps used were captured at Torreon. These stamps became obsolete June 15, when the new Denver stamps were issued. Only a few offices had them, the 5c being the commonest and the 1c the hardest to get. The Denver stamps unused promise to be common enough, as they are being offered to dealers in quantities direct from Denver.

A. W. Foster of El Paso, Texas, has shown us an interesting variety of the 5c green Constitutionalist stamp. It consists of a block where the vertical rouletting has not been extended, resulting in one horizontal pair imperforate between and a second horizontal pair in which the rouletting extends only part way between the two stamps.

NICARAGUA.—As announced in No. 1210, a new series of stamps has been in preparation for this Republic, and has now been sent down from New York. Hermann Focke has shown us the first value, the 1c, used copies of which were received by him on letters in New York on June 16. The stamp shows the National Palace at Managua, is a horizontal oblong in shape, and is very handsomely engraved and printed as usual with the work of the American Bank Note Co. Mr. Focke writes as follows:

"Strange to say, the letter (with five 1c stamps) comes from the small town of Rivas near the Atlantic Coast, whereas the last mail from Managua and other towns of importance brought only provisionals. While the picture on the stamp before us represents the National Palace at Managua, the conspicuous carriage with the peculiar looking white animal hitched on to it, is just an ordinary vehicle, and not the Presidential means of locomotion, and the loiterers at the corner of the Palace are 'mere men' of Managua with no evil designs, as far as can be seen.. Still the stamp is pleasing, and it would not be difficult to guess the maker, even if the name were not printed at the foot of each stamp."

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66	*1867, 1, 2, 5, 10c; 1877, 10, 20c, fine lot	4.25

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67	*1873, 3c bistre, fine	2.50
68	*1891, 25 on 30c, fine block of 4	1.60

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72	6p green, No. 8, scarce	3.75

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79	*1880, ½, 1, 2p, fine	1.90

GRENADA.

80	*1883, 6p red-lilac, **mint tete beche, block**	2.50

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81	*1861-65, 3s ultra., No. 18, o. g., horiz. pair	2.00
82	2, 3, 4, 7s, nice used copies	3.75

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85	*1864, 5p green	2.00

ITALY.

86	1869-74, **1c figure of value inverted,** cor. repaired, looks o. k. rare	7.50

LUBECK.

87	1863-65, ½s green, fine	2.00
88	* Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14, fine lot	5.00

MECKLENBURG-SCHWERIN.

89	1856, 5s blue, margins close, scarce stamp	6.00
90	*1864, 5s bistre brown, tear at right, scarce	5.00

MAURITIUS.

91	*1876, ½ on 10p, No. 46, horiz. pair, part of "a" in "Half" missing on one stamp	(?)

MECKLENBURG STRELITZ.

92	*1864, ⅓, 1, 2, 3sg nice lot	6.35

NATAL.

93	*1877, ½ on 1p yellow, o.g., fine	2.00
94	1902, £1 ultra. & black, fine	3.50

NETHERLANDS.

95	1852, 5, 10, 15c sup. copies, scarce	1.05
96	*1891-94, 3c to 50c inc., sup. mint set	3.28

NEW BRUNSWICK.

97	1851, 3p red, fine, scarce	5.00
98	**6p olive yellow, close at one side but really a fine copy & rare**	**20.00**
99	*1860, 1,1,2,5,10,12½,17c, desirable set	3.72

NEW ZEALAND.

100	1873-78, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6p and 1sh, nice set	5.20

NOVA SCOTIA.

101	1860, 1,2,5,10,12½c, nice set, scarce	4.40
102	8½c green, scarce used	3.50
103	* 1, 2, 10, 12½c, fine	2.70
104	1851, 3p dark blue, superb copy	2.50

OLDENBURG.

105	*1862, ½, ½, 1, 2, 3g (last used) fine set	3.55

PERU.

106	1869-72, 1p brown and 1p orange, very fine	3.75

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

107	*1865-70, 4½p brown; 6p green, o. g., scarce	4.00
108	1872, 6p black, fine and scarce	2.50

PRUSSIA.

109	*1867, 2, 3, 6, 9kr, very fine set	3.25

RHODESIA.

110	*1905, 1, 2½, 5p, 1 and 2½sh, mint, superb	(1.93)
111	1908, 6p lilac, surch. no period after "Rhodesia"	(?)
112	*1910, ½p to 2½sh, sup. mint set	(2.91)

RUSSIA.

113	1868-79, 3k, No. 22 error, **on entire cover with Nos. 19 & 25,** very scarce	(?)

ST. CHRISTOPHER.

114	*1870-79, 4p blue, sl. crease, no gum looks fine	11.00

ST. KITTS-NEVIS.

115	*1903, 2sh and 2½sh, mint, sup.	(1.70)

SAMOA.

116	*1899, ½p to 2½sh, fine mint set	2.80

SAN MARINO.

117	1877, 10, 20, 30, 40c fine, v. scarce	4.23

SAXONY.

118	1855, 10 n. g. blue, nice copy, sc'ce	8.00

SEYCHELLES.

119	*1906, 2c to 75c incl., all mint, sup.	2.19

SIERRA LEONE.

120	*1907-11, ½p to 1sh, sup. mint set	2.97

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.

121	*1907-10, ½p to 1sh, sup. mint set	1.65

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

122	1908-11, $5 green & red, sup. scarce	(?)
123	1901-06, (Malay States) 1c to 50c incls., fine set	2.74

TRANSVAAL.

124	*1878, 1p red brown; 3p claret, fine, scarce	3.75
125	1887, 2½sh yellow; 5sh steel blue, fine	1.85
126	1904-06, 5sh and 10sh, both sup.	3.00

TURKS ISLAND.

127	*1900, ½p to 1sh, superb mint set	2.13

VIRGIN ISLANDS.

128	*1883-88, ½,1(used),2½, 4p sup. lot	3.25
129	*1904, ½,1, 2½,3, 6p, 1sh, mint, sup.	1.75

ZULULAND.

130	*1888-90, ½, 1 (used), 2, 2½, 3p, fine set	4.00
131	6p violet on rose, fine	3.00
132	*1894-96, ½, 1, 2½, 3, 6p mint sup.	2.03
133	7 var., Nos. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, (one new) fine	3.30

BRITISH COLONIALS.

134	*42 var. **(mostly 20th Cent.), mint, superb (face value $5.01)**	12.73
135	*66 var., same as above **(face $6.00)**	15.93
136	*55 var., same as above **(face $5.46)**	15.71
137	*62 var., same as above **(face $5.11)**	13.33
138	*30 var. in superb mint blks. of 4, **(face value $2.20)**	13.84
139	*59 var. superb blocks **(face $5)**	27.12

FOREIGN.

140	*60 var. (mostly 20th Cent.) mint, (face $7.55)	13.41
141	*49 var. all mint (face $4.90)	10.60
142	*69 var. "A to G", all in **superb, mint blocks of 4**	15.00
143	*65 var. "H to V", **sup. mint blks.**	17.12
144	40 var. pairs, strips and **blocks**	9.47

LOTS BY COUNTRIES.

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Lot No.		Cat. Value
145	Argentine, 58 var. (16 new) fine	12.85
146	Austria, 103 stamps, many dupls. early issues	8.65
147	Bavaria, 41 var. (8 new) v. fine lot	14.46
148	Bulgaria, 60 var. (20 new)	6.21
149	*Canada, 35 var. all mint, (face $2)	6.42
150	*Canal Zone, 26 var. (9 used) desirable	3.49
151	Crete, 33 var. (14 new)	2.57
152	*Col. Republic, 54 var. (23 used) (States)	8.78
153	*China, 52 var. all mint, fine	9.89
154	Cuba, 75 var., fine lot	15.01
155	Curacao, 30 var., fine lot	6.16
156	*do, 26 var., (8 used)	7.52
157	Dutch Indies, 63 var. (21 new)	5.04
158	Danish W. Indies, 25 var., fine lot	10.03
159	Dominican Rep., 43 var., (12 new), very fine	10.38
160	Egypt, 66 var. (12 new)	9.60
161	Fiji, 14 var. (5 new)	9.13
162	France 70 var. (9 new)	11.12
163	* 26 var., all new	9.37
164	Gt. Britain 51 var., nice lot	10.80
165	Greece 30 var.	4.65
166	Grenada 16 var., (2 new)	8.14
167	Hayti 37 var., (18 new)	4.31
168	*Hawaii 34 var., (17 used) very desirable	15.88
169	Holland & Cols. 39 var., (12 new)	5.80
170	Hong Kong 29 var., early issues	11.07
171	Hungary 49 var.,	2.52
172	*Iceland 18 var., all mint	4.79
173	India 57 var., (10 new) no Native States	8.24
174	Italy 75 var., (27 new)	4.62
175	Jamaica 36 var., (8 new)	13.42
176	do. 17 var., (2 new)	4.54
177	Japan 79 var., (8 new)	6.30
178	Labuan 32 var.,	3.64
179	do 31 var., (7 new)	3.27
180	*Leeward Islands 10 var., (3 used)	3.45
181	*Malta 18 var. all mint superb	3.10
182	Mauritius 28 var., (4 new, incl. No. 117)	5.75
183	Mexico 62 var., early issues	8.35
184	Netherlands, 41 var. (14 new) better class only	14.10
185	Newfoundland 25 var., (2 new)	9.02
186	*do 13 var. **sup. mint blocks**	5.08
187	*Niger Coast 8 var., (3 used)	3.08
188	Norway 40 var., (11 new)	9.63
189	*Parma 7 var., (2 dupls., 1 used)	4.75
190	*Paraguay 38 var., (5 used)	8.34
191	North Borneo 41 var., (3 new)	5.75
192	*Porto Rico 74 var.,(7 used)fine lot	10.43
193	Prussia 28 var., (9 new)	7.46
194	Russia 70 var., (8 new) v. fine lot	11.35
195	Roman States 18 var., (9 new)	5.17
196	Roumania 76 var., (11 new)	4.59
197	Spain 88 var.,	4.90
198	St. Vincent 23 var., (7 new) fine	15.43
199	*Sarawak 29 var., (9 used) very fine	11.36
200	Sierra Leone 15 var., (6 new)	12.88
201	*Straits Settlements 64 var., mint, superb	13.58
202	do 44 var., nice used lot	12.16
203	do. (incl. **States**) 65 var. desirable	13.48
204	Sweden 58 var., nice lot	6.52
205	Switzerland 47 var., (21 new) fine	12.76
206	do 15 var., early issues	11.06
207	Turkey 65 var.	4.76
208	Transvaal 32 var.	6.53
209	Trinidad 36 var., fine	14.44
210	*Turks Isl. 20 var., (2 used) sup.	8.77
211	Tuscany 12 var.	7.36
212	Two Sicilies 7 var.	5.79
213	*Shanghai 24 var.	6.45
214	*Samoa 31 var. (14 used)	7.69
215	Siam 27 var. (13 new)	3.91
216	Tunis 29 var., (6 new)	2.98
217	Uruguay 54 var., (6 new) fine	10.98
218	Victoria 54 var., incl. early issues	20.20
219	do 36 var.,	6.18
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221	**do 106 var., nice lot**	10.14
222	do 114 var., nice lot	12.65
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BOSTON, MASS., June 16, 1914.

The 316th (regular) meeting was held at the Club Room this evening with 21 members present.

In the absence of both President and Vice President, Mr. A. P. Brown was elected chairman *pro tem.*

The following was presented:

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The following were elected to membership: No. 594, Frank L. Coes; No. 595, Geo. R. Armstrong.

The Treasurer presented a report showing $276.51 on hand.

The Supt. of Bourse asked that all members who wished their sheets to be retired should notify him to this effect.

The Secretary reported that the matter concerning the so-called "proofs of essays" had been satisfactorily settled; also that a set of the proofs had been presented to the Society collection by Mr. A. W. Batchelder.

There was no special entertainment provided for the evening.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Through the courtesy of Wm. L. Aldrich & Co., we are in receipt of definite information concerning the new issue of postage stamps for the Mexican rebel government. The set will consist of four values, 1c blue, 2c green, 3c orange, 5c lake, 10c pink, 15c magenta, 50c yellow and 1p purple. We cannot, however, furnish a description of the design at this writing.

—Members of the A. P. S. who cannot attend the convention at Niagara Falls are invited to send their proxies to Charles E. Severn of the WEEKLY, who will attend, and who will be pleased to carry out any instructions that may be given him. [tf

—"Upon inquiry in the matter, am advised by my correspondent in Sonora, that the announced Transitorio Constitutionalista stamps surcharged 'Victoria de la Torreon' and date, are of a private—speculative—origin, and never authorized by either the Constitutionalist Government or the postal authorities at the place."—AUG. DIETZ.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from R. H. Mann, Wm. L. Hamilton, Jr.

—Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Eugene Klein and Miss Sara E. Conover of Philadelphia, Thursday, June 18. Mr. and Mrs. Klein will be at home after October 1 at 53 N. 62 St., Philadelphia.

—We are indebted to W. J. Stanton and August Dietz for information submitted in connection with the G. C. M. stamps chronicled by us quite fully in our last issue. It is very evident that this set of stamps will prove of historical interest.

ONCE MORE THE KOOKABURRA.

When the one penny stamp with the portrait of King George appeared, and it was reported that only a million copies had been printed, some people were nervous and seemed to fear there would not be enough to go around. Now the *Australian Philatelist* announces that the first printing was really 1,200,000 and that another million has just been put on sale. This looks like a poor chance for speculators.

The same journal informs us that several designs for the new issue have been approved. The two pence is to have the head of King George, the one shilling the black swan of West Australia, and the six pence is to show a Kookaburra. This sounds dangerous, and we are not altogether reassured when we are told it is a bird. Perhaps it is something like those man-eating parrots on one of the New Zealand stamps. Maybe they were not man-eaters, but they were said to be some sort of fierce bad birds, militant suffragettes perhaps. But the *Monthly Journal* spoiled all the nice "creeps" that we had worked up by showing us a picture of the proposed stamp. It surely is a mild-looking little dicky bird to bear such a fearsome name. It looks just like a fledging sparrow. Major Evans evidently has the same idea and recalls the story of the sparrow that lived up the water spout. As this ditty is not as well known in this country as in England, we venture to repeat it, or all that we know of it, for the benefit of our readers:

"The blooming sparrow went up the
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Hawaii. 1899 5c and 13c and Mss. 5c on 13c
Jamaica, Among the Llandoveries
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Niue, Stamps of
No. Borneo, Stamps of
Nyassa
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Seychelles—20th Century
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Sicily, Stamps of
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U. S. Lincoln on Our Postage Stamps
U. S. Match Wrappers, Byam Carlton & Co.
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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

SOME GOOD AMERICAN STAMPS TO BUY

A few weeks ago I gave you some notes on good European stamps to buy and save. I now offer you a list of American stamps, which in my opinion, are the scarce values of the different series. Nearly all stamps vary in scarcity according to face value, the lowest value being the most common, and the highest being the rarest. Therefore, unless there is some special reason for mentioning certain values, I designated them as "graduated" meaning that they increase in value in proportion to the face value. These notes are based on my personal experience as a specialist in these issues, and as I have looked through several hundred thousand covers in the past two or three years, I believe I can give you authentic information.

United States—Basing my figures on the 1894-5 issues, I believe the 3c, 6c, 8c, and 15c to be the scarcest values in use at present. Of these, I believe the last two will be the best. (I am not including the new values recently issued in my estimates, for the reason that they are too recent to judge. However, I should say that the 12c will be the most common.)

Argentine—The 3c, 4c, and 6c are all desirable. The 10c ranks fair, but is commoner than the others mentioned.

Bolivia—The 8c is the only really good value in this country, aside from the high values (above 20c) which are all scarce.

Brazil—The 10, 20, and 400 reis values are the best. The 400 reis, which I believe is now obsolete, is one of the best of the series. The 700 reis is much better than the 1,000.

Canada—The ½c and 7c take the honors in this country.

British Guiana — Postally cancelled copies of all values above the 6c are so scarce that they are bound to increase in value. The 1c, 2c and 5c are common.

British Honduras—This set is graduated. The values above 10c are quite scarce postally used, however.

Canal Zone—The 8c and 10c are the two good ones in this country. Of the two, the 8c is the best. There are two or three kinds of 10c stamps in use at present, so each kind should be a good purchase.

Chile—The 3c and 12c are now obsolete, and are two good stamps to hold. 100 copies of the 12c recently brought two-thirds of catalogue at auction here, and went to a New York house, so you can judge for yourself. The 8c, 14c and 60c stamps are not turning up very fast, and will be desirable stock in the future. The 40c is used more frequently.

Colombian Republic—Of the cheaper values, the ½c is by far the scarcest. Above the 10c, all values are seldom met with. The 1c, 2c and 5c are among the most common South Americans.

Costa Rica—The 6c (now obsolete, I believe) is good. Also the 4c and 20c are worth their catalogue price, and are practically never seen in quantity.

Cuba—The 3c and 8c have a brilliant future before them. The 8c in the new colors (Olive and grey) has been much sought for here.

Curacao—This series is graduated according to the face values.

Danish West Indies—The 15, 20, 30, and 40 bit stamps are very good. The 30 bit is far scarcer than the 50 bit.

Dominican Republic—The ½c is the only value of especial merit in this republic. The other values are graduated.

Ecuador—The 2c and 3c are scarcer than the other values.

Guadeloupe—Used copies of this country are frequently met with, though the 20c stamp is sometimes troublesome to locate.

Guatemala—The 5c and 25c stamps do not make their appearance as often as the other values, even up to the peso values. The surcharged provisionals are liable to be good stock, and are desirable postally used. Also, look out for the minor varieties.

Hayti—The 3c, 7c and 8c are not being widely circulated, and will increase in value in the future.

Honduras—The recent crop of surcharges has created some good stamps. The 2c on 20c yellow is probably one of the best, and is worth from $1.50 to $2.00. These stamps are too recent to fix a value on. Of the unsurcharged, the 6c appears to be the scarcest.

Martinique—The values of this country are graduated.

Mexico—The 3c and 4c are much scarcer than many of the higher values.

Nicaragua—The 6c of all series of this country have mounted skyward, some more rapidly than others. The 6c of the 1900 series jumped up very suddenly some years ago. The 6c locomotive type is so scarce that the question whether this stamp was ever issued was not settled until after the stamp was obsolete. The recent surcharges will include some good items, both in normal and minor varieties. The 2c on 20c liberty type, and the 2c on 25c locomotive type are very good stamps. The very newest provisionals on officials are showing signs of becoming rarities, and will be mighty good things to have after they are out of issue.

Panama—The ½c, 2c, and 8c stamps are all quite good. The 2c stamp is probably the only one issued by a country with the "gold standard" (currency same as United States) that is desirable. Also, the two highest values, the 25c and 50c are very good. The writer, in all his travels, has never seen used copies of these two stamps. The unused are missing from most collections, too.

Paraguay—These stamps appear to be graduated according to face value. Paraguay stamps, especially postally used copies, do not appear as frequently as those of the other South American countries.

Peru—The 4c stamp of each of the two recent issues is a "scarce boy." These two little stamps are so good that a certain Western dealer is buying all he can secure at three-quarters of catalogue.

St. Pierre and Miquelon—These stamps are "graduated." Also, they are cancelled to order or "philatelically used" as the high-brows would say.

French Guiana—The 20c stamp is one of the scarcest of the used stamps. The unused are graduated, as are practically all unused French Colonials.

Salvador—Of the past series, the 4c and 6c values are the good ones, especially used. In the present series, the 12c stamp is slightly scarcer than the others, and the 19c stamp is the scarcest of the series, excluding the 50c and 1 colon, of course. The 19c is much better than the 29c stamp.

Surinam—The 7½c stamp is more seldom seen than many of the other values.

Uruguay—The 7c stamp in nearly all sets has proven a good stamp. Of the current series, the 5c is slightly better than some of the others, and the 20c is probably the best stamp in the set. The 20c is in fact one of the most elusive of recent issues.

Venezuela—Very few of the 15c stamps are finding their way to this country. The other values appear quite frequently, however.

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J. H. W., Jr.—I would suggest that you separate the stamps that stuck together in your pocket by steaming them (as described a few weeks ago). I doubt if you can get them apart without spoiling the gum, however. This question has bothered many experienced collectors, and the trouble is usually settled with the aid of a tea kettle. Soaking will separate them, but will remove the gum, as well. The wet blotter method might work.

R. H. P.—To get in touch with correspondents in the various foreign countries is quite a difficult problem. The best way is to watch the "exchange" advertisements in the various papers (the English are the best) and write to the collectors who advertise for "exchanges." Also, you might run an ad. of your own. The rates are usually very low. Successful exchanges are usually very difficult to find.

(2) Every collector I know of mounts his unused stamps the same way as the used ones. I would advise you to use a good peelable hinge, not moistened too much, in order not to damage the gum.

(3) Your postal card inquiry is a little out of my line, and I am referring it to an expert on the subject. I will publish his answer in a week or so.

(4) While the writer has seen unused due stamps advertised for sale, there is a postal ruling forbidding the sale of these stamps to the public, and anyone offering them for sale might be called to account for them. As for the penalty envelopes, I doubt if you could find a market for them, and also if the government was so inclined, it might make trouble if you offered *unused* envelopes of this nature for sale. The officials in this city are rather hazy on this ruling, so I cannot give you exact authority. In absence of better information, I would say "Do not take any chances." The government has habits of starting unpleasant inquiries, even if it cannot prosecute, and in spite of the fact that you obtained your supply in a legitimate fashion, you might have difficulty in making them see it that way. The amount involved is too small to risk trouble.

What are the registry package envelopes? Are they the envelopes the letters are sent in from one post office to another? I never saw any. These envelopes are not allowed to be sold or given away to the public, so I do not think it would be a good plan to offer them for sale. The friend who accommodated you evidently did not know of this ruling.

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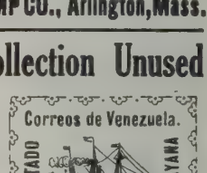
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT STAMPS.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

The Executive Departments.

Because they are scarce and rather high in price for the average collector, the opportunity for study in the Executives is not so broad as in some of the other departments. Still, a few dollars will put together a page or two of what will prove a handsome and most interesting section of a collection and one to which the collector will turn to with pride. My word for it, the stamps will prove a good investment, as they cannot for many years keep their present quotations in the catalogues.

The stamps now under study were designed for and supplied to the Executive Department of the United States government. By this we understand that they were for the use and convenience of the President. Just how far that went seems to be somewhat vague. Was the President alone permitted to send mail through the post by affixing the stamps? Or did the permission extend to members of his personal staff—such as his private secretary, members of his family, etc.? How does it happen that two stamps exist carrying cancellations (Washington and Cleveland, O.) from two different cities that bear the same postmarked date? (September 10, 1873). Was the President in Cleveland on that date, or was someone there who was authorized to use the Executive stamp?

The Executive stamps were printed and delivered to the Executive Department between May 21 and July 1, 1873. Their use became possible on the latter date. The first delivery called for 4,650 stamps of all denominations.

The design of the stamps was distinctive. In a panel above the medallion are the words "Executive" in colorless letters. The letters "U" and "S" are in small circles in the left and right hand corners respectively. A background of vertical stripes represents the bars on the national shield.

The portraits used were:
1 cent—Franklin
2 cents—Jackson
3 cents—Washington
6 cents—Lincoln
10 cents—Jefferson

Shades are not numerous, but rather even. They follow:

1 cent—two shades, carmine and deep carmine.
2 cents—two shades, carmine and deep carmine.
3 cents—three shades, carmine, deep carmine, violet rose.
6 cents—three shades, pale carmine, carmine, deep carmine.
10 cents—three shades, pale carmine, carmine, deep carmine.

Five plates were made, one for each denomination. The numbers follow:

1 cent—number 82.
2 cents—number 75.
3 cents—number 63.
6 cents—number 76.
10 cents—number 111.

Between May 24, 1873, and December 31, 1877, there was issued the following number of Executive stamps:

1 cent—17,600.
2 cents—20,600.
3 cents—45,100.
6 cents—16,200.
10 cents—15,750.

When the use of department stamps was discontinued on July 5, 1884, there were in the hands of the manufacturers, undelivered, the following amounts:

1 cent—3,500.
2 cents—1,900.
3 cents—1,100.
6 cents—4,700.
10 cents—4,950.

These facts bring up a problem which might be of advantage to determine—why should the 6 cents Executive be the rarest and highest priced stamp of the five denominations? Fewer of the 10 cents were printed, and more existed as remainders to be destroyed. Yet we are told that the 6 cents is by far the best property of the lot for investment.

The Executive stamps were never printed by the American Bank Note Co. as stamps for use. It is certain however, that the one cent at least was printed on soft paper, and over printed "Specimen."

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The 1886-87 Issue.

WATERMARK CROWN CA.

In connection with the printing of British Colonial stamps a change was made—Crown CC being changed to Crown CA (sideways), the latter initials standing for Crown Agents. The reason for this change was two-fold. First the designation Crown Colony was not always strictly applicable to British Possessions whose stamps were printed upon this specially watermarked paper, and second because henceforth the postage stamp supplies of all British Crown Colonies would have to be ordered through the agency of the newly established office of Crown Agents for the Colonies, whose function it was to represent politically and financially in England those Colonies who did not maintain specially accredited Agents General in the British capital.

Thus in 1886 the then current series of Gambia was issued printed upon paper bearing this new watermark, from the same plates that had been previously employed. As in the later printings of the previous issue all sheets have the watermark sideways for the sake of convenience and economy. With the issue of this series the opportunity was embraced of having the ½d and 1d denominations printed in the colours prescribed by the Postal Union, and a 2½d value was added to cover the prevailing Postal Union rate.

The perforating of the stamps of this series was performed by two different comb machines, the early printings being perforated by the machine which was used for the later printings of the previous issue. The new machine employed—known as the 2nd comb—perforated the stamps in large vertical blocks without vertical divisions, and the horizontal lines of which contained twelve stamps each. Thus it comes about that sheets perforated by this machine do not show the double rows of perforation in the margins common to the work of the 1st comb machine. The effect of the 2nd comb perforation was that the top margin remained imperforate, the other three sides being cut through. Some sheets are known imperforate in the lower margin, an effect produced through the sheets being perforated from the bottom. As both machines gauged the same (14), only sheets or large blocks with margins can be assigned to their respective machines.

The method of cutting up the Crown CA paper was to guillotine the two top panes from the two lower horizontally. The half sheets were then cut twice vertically and bisected in the middle horizontally, thus making six Gambia sheets (compare diagram 2 of issue III). As in the previous issues all values are known with double embossing, in addition to which such monstrosities as "doubly embossed, one inverted" exist.

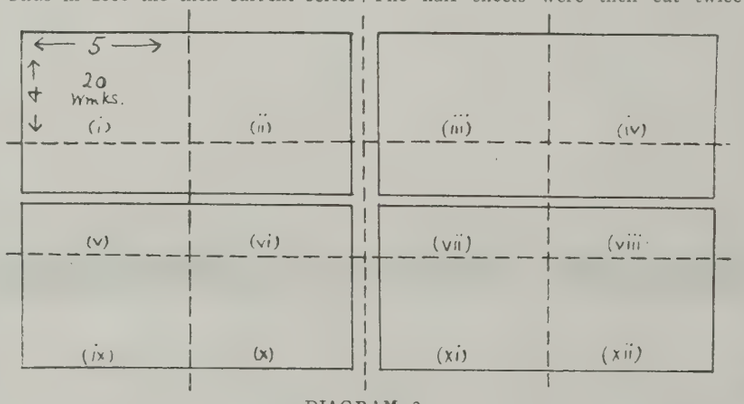


DIAGRAM 2.

There are some part double and treble perforations known, an interesting example of the latter being in the famous Tapling Collection—the ½d (blue green) showing treble perforation on the bottom row of a sheet. Imperforate copies of this issue are also known in the following shades: ½d grey-green, 1d pale crimson, 2d orange-yellow, 2½d pale ultramarine, 3d pearl-grey, 4d brown, 6d slate green, 1sh deep violet.

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½d rose, rose-carmine, grey, violet, dull green, pale orange.

3d olive-green, sap-green, pale sage-green.

1sh brown maroon.

The above colour names are collected from various authorities and it is possible that some shades given may be superfluous. M. Mahé only lists the following:

½d rose (colour of 2d 1880).
½d grey (colour of 3d 1886-87).
½d violet (colour of 1sh 1886-87).
3d olive (colour of 6d 1886-87).

On the early printings of the Sixpenny value of this series the variety with the sloping name tablet occurs in the same position as in the former issues of the Colony indicating that the same plate had been employed throughout. As however this defect became more and more pronounced with each successive printing, about 1897 this plate was finally discarded and a new one with the error corrected brought into use for the printing of this value, but owing to the withdrawal of the series in the following year, stamps printed from this plate are very scarce and constitute one of the rarities of the Colony. Those printed from the new plate were in the olive-green shade only. It has been stated that the 2½d denomination, *pale* ultramarine was perforated with the comb machine for perforating stamps in horizontal rows of 12 without vertical division, whilst the darker shade was perforated with the comb machine with the narrow vertical division on right-hand margin.

There is a minor variety worthy of note occurring on the sheets of the ½d denomination of this series only. It consists of an unduly prolonged upright stroke to the "M" in "GAMBIA" and is found on both the second and fourth stamps in the top row of the sheet, Nos. 2 and 4. On number 2 it is the lefthand stroke that comes right down and touches the line, whilst on number 4 it is the one on the right. The "broken nose" variety occurs on stamps Nos. 1, 12 and 13.

The dots on the margins were distributed thus: three on the right hand margin and one in the middle of the left hand. A late printing of the 3d value (pearl-grey only) had three dots on the left margin whilst the top and bottom guide dots on the right margin were removed. This series of stamps has not fluctuated much in the catalogue during the last few years, but nevertheless they are now beginning to show a steady rise in value.

Reference List.

Printed on paper watermarked Crown CA sideways. Perf. 14 by two different comb machines. White gum.

[Values and Shades]
½d grey-green, myrtle-green.
1d carmine, rose-carmine, crimson, crimson-rose.
2d orange, full orange, orange-yellow.
2½d pale ultramarine, ultramarine, deep ultramarine.
3d grey, slate-grey, pearl-grey.
4d brown, deep brown.
6d olive-green, grey-green, bronze-green.
1sh violet, deep violet.

[NOTE] Of this series the 2½d and 3d values were issued in May, 1886; the 4d in July of the same year; the 6d and 1sh in September; and the ½d, 1d, and 2d in March 1887. They remained in use until May 1898.

[Perfs.]
"1st comb" all values.
"2nd comb" all values, excepting 4d and 1sh (?).

Variety: ½d treble perf. at bottom (Tapling collection).

[NOTE] All values exist imperforate and are listed elsewhere under this issue.

[Wmks.] Crown CA
(a) inverted: all values.
(b) portion of words "Crown Agents": all values.
(c) division lines of panes: all values.

[Double embossing]
All values, one inverted, ½d and 1sh.

[Yellow gum]
All values.

Varieties:
½d elongated M in Gambia.
½d "broken nose" variety.
6d slanting label (corrected in later printings).

NOTE.—We reproduce below two postal notices which will be found interesting in relation to the curious denominations which were issued by Gambia at a later date.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Reduction of postage, etc.

On and from 1st April, 1892, the postage to all parts of the world on letters—— etc., will be as follows:—
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For postcards, 1d each.
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For newspapers, books, printed papers, commercial papers, patterns and samples, ½d per 2 oz., with the Postal Union proviso of a minimum payment of 2½d for a packet of commercial papers, and of 1d for a packet of patterns or samples.
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By His Excellency's Command,
(Signed) J. H. FINDEN,
Postmaster.

Post. Office, Bathurst, Gambia.
3rd March, 1892.

POST OFFICE.

Ordinance No. 6 of 1897.

March 11th, 1897.

1. This ordinance may be cited as the Post office ordinance, 1897, Inland Postal Regulations.

13. From and after the commencement of this ordinance, postal packets may be sent by post between such places in the colony of the Gambia and the Protected territories adjacent thereto as may be from time to time notified by the Administrator.

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For prescribing and regulating the payment again of postage in case of redirection.

For regulating the dimensions and maximum weight of packet.

For prohibiting or restricting the printing or writing of marks on communications or words.

For prohibiting enclosures.

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2. It will not be possible to print a sufficient number of the new cards to supply all postmasters at once. Postmasters must not, therefore, make requisition until necessary to replenish stock. No postmaster can be furnished with the new No. 8 postal cards until the distributing subagency from which he is supplied receives a stock from the Department. If requisitions are filled with No. 4 cards, postmasters will understand that their subagencies have not been supplied with No. 8's. No. 4 cards should be furnished to the public while they last; the new cards to be sold, if in stock, only when purchasers express preference therefor.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

New Postal Card—The new postal card for domestic use with the portrait of Thomas Jefferson in green has been issued and the familiar features of McKinley on the card in common use, soon will be seen no more. The intention of the department to issue the new card has long been known; and not a few months ago, we spoke of adverse criticism on the decision to retire the picture of McKinley and of how an organization was promoted in Canton, Ohio, the home of McKinley to combat any proposal to displace the head of McKinley on the postal card.

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How It Originated—Dr. Wm. H. Mitchell submits the following explanation of the phrase "Dutch Mail," which somewhat rarely now is found in print to describe a sentence or article whose meaning is hopelessly mixed. He says: "The term, 'Dutch Mail' is one that has been used in literature from time to time and its application has puzzled many. Perhaps philatelists too, for whom the word, mail, has an exciting interest have been perplexed. The hoax, for such it was, was born in the office of the Leicester *Herald,* England, we are told. The title, Dutch Mail, appeared as the head line to what was stated to be the Netherland news, which according to the tale, had been received too late for translation; and so, the *Herald* printed it in the original. Dutch scholars rushed into print with the statement that the dialect was one with which they were wholly unacquainted. Its true inwardness was discovered some time later. Sir Richard Phillips, the editor, gave the following account of how the jest was conceived: 'One evening my men and a boy overturned two or three columns of the paper in type; and we had to get ready for the coaches which at four the next morning required four or five hundred papers. After every exertion, we were short nearly a column but there stood a tempting column of 'pi' on the galleys. It struck me that the matter might be thought Dutch. I made up the column, overcame the scruples of the foreman and so away went the country edition with its philological puzzle to worry the honest agricultural readers' heads. There was plenty of time in which to set up a column of plain English for the local edition.' Thirty years after, Sir Richard met an old gentleman in Nottingham, who all this time had preserved a copy of the paper hoping that the puzzle would be explained. All this happened seventy-five years ago but yet every now and then, some writer mentions the Dutch Mail. Few know the explanation but at that we do not suppose that the term has ever been mistaken as applying to an old-time stage route."

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The Latest—Here is the newest of stories based on the revelations of a Washington despatch dated June 26th, 1914. A Chicagoan received, upon request, a copy of a publication of 1,400 pages issued by the Department of Commerce, which was sent under the penalty frank of the department in question. As usual, the frank had the inscription in the upper left hand corner: Return in five days, etc. The Chicago *Tribune* which gives the story to the world says: Today the publication clerk "received a letter from the man, who said he had been sitting up nights in order to read the publication but had been unable to do so within the 'alloted five days.' He asked permission to keep the book three days longer, believing that he could finish it in that time." Now, they say that the man has been awarded the high trophy in the championship ignoramus contest; but even so, we applaud the man's nicety of conscience and if we knew his name and address we would reward him with a subscription to our sober sheet.

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Changed About—A friend says that he has read stories innumerable in which the mortgage on the home was paid off with the proceeds derived from the sale of a wonderful find of stamps made by the dutiful son, who, thus, at the last moment saved his dear old widowed mother from cruel eviction. He rings in a variation of the hackneyed theme. He says that he has actually mortgaged his home to buy stamps; and anyway, he adds, a home without stamps is worse than stamps without a home.

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Ruling Passion—The following little encounter is reported by *Puck*: "Mother (showing new baby)—'Isn't that a nice little brother to come by parcel post, Eddie?' Seven Year Old—'Oh, mommy did you save the stamps'?" Thus does philately triumph over eugenics. This joke is true to life; and we aver that many of us when listening to a tale of supposedly engrossing interest involving any postal carriage out of the ordinary, find our minds following the stamps that must have paid the postage.

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In Competition—A letter from Mr. H. B. Phillips, San Francisco, California, which we hope to find room for in another column, has been sent to many members of the American Philatelic Society in all probability. An invitation is extended by Mr. Phillips in behalf of San Francisco to the American Philatelic Society to hold its 1915 convention there. Further, as a consequence of the wish of San Francisco to act as the convention seat, a board of vice-presidents from San Francisco is nominated in the persons of Henry C. Marcus, H. G. Smith and H. B. Phillips. We know that there is opposition to the selection of San Francisco based on its distance from the center of population but at the same time, the claims of the city for recognition are not to be ignored. It is to be said that there has existed a tacit understanding that San Francisco was to be given the convention in 1915, the year of the Pacific-Panama exhibition. The Pacific coast nominations for vice-presidents will mean a contest for three offices at least. There will be something to say on society subjects next week.

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He Says Truly—From Bill Bloss there has come a communication of some length to which the attention of readers is directed elsewhere. We believe that the time is propitious for the organization of dealers into a powerful body whose mission would be admonitory as well as protective. There are abuses in the commercial field of philately on the part of the submerged tenth that the reputable dealers should alone not passively view with alarm but should take active steps to eradicate. It is not necessary to enlarge upon the manifold reasons for federation which could be successfully accomplished, however, only if the leaders among the dealers encouraged the movement. It would seem that by remembering the lessons of the failures of dealers' organizations in the past, an advantage is gained at the start; and if the big men of the stamp business will volunteer their support, the chances for a permanent association are bright. The WEEKLY will be pleased to offer its assistance in any way possible if it becomes manifest that there is a demand on the part of the dealers themselves for an organization of the kind.

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DEAR MR. SEVERN:—

Several weeks ago, the question of uniting the stamp dealers of America under the form of an association, was brought up in the columns of your paper. For some time I have considered this question, and believe that it is high time that the dealers in this country did something definite in this respect. The European dealers have united under their International Society. In practically every line of business, the wide-awake concerns are seeing the advantage in working together. The paint manufacturers, tailors, brewers, grocers, advertising men, insurance companies, merchants, hardware dealers, and almost all industries have organized themselves under national associations.

A national association of stamp dealers could do a great deal to bring business to a higher plane. It could lower the percentage of fraud in connection with this business, could handle educational work, by advertising the hobby and teaching the people at large the pleasures of stamp collecting, could post the dealers on the market conditions and on events of importance, and could advise as to the market prices of stamps.

In order to accomplish this work, every dealer in America must give the movement his support. Let the idea have the kindly feeling of every dealer behind it, and the financial end of it will soon take care of itself. In order to secure the greatest possible results, it would be best to have the headquarters of the association in New York City, with branches in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, and such other large cities as the conditions would warrant. Also, let every dealer in towns where branches were not located, be an agent of the association, with power to carry on the work in his locality.

Let every member pledge himself to give any information of value, concerning frauds, large finds, market conditions, etc., to the Home Office of the Association, where the matters could be kept on file, and bulletins circulated among the members. Of course, it would be absolutely essential that a great many of these matters be kept confidential as to source, and the Association could act as a clearing house without disclosing identities.

In the work of preventing frauds, and this work alone is worth the organization of an Association, the practice of a collector swindling ten and twenty dealers would be absolutely wiped out. If every member would report immediately any loss he suffered, giving full information, the collection department could work on the case with a view of obtaining a collection for the dealer, and the fraud department could immediately circulate the name and facts necessary to all members, by means of the card index system. Members would file the cards as received for reference. Thus, quick action would make it practically impossible for a crook to secure stamps from more than one member of the Association. Whenever a claim was reported a "danger" card could be sent out, warning dealers to hold up any business with the party in question until the case was confirmed. When the case was investigated, a permanent card could be sent out. Whenever a case was settled to the satisfaction of all concerned, a "take-out" notice could be issued, ordering the dealers to destroy the card in their files.

In case several members were swindled it would be far easier for them to seek restitution by letting one source handle the case than by trying to collect individually. It would prove cheaper and the results would be surer.

Many of the dealers are appreciating these facts by taking advantage of an excellent collection and bulletin service of Toronto, Canada. Mr. Trowles has organized a service that is of great assistance to all subscribers, but of course, his service has not the power back of it that a large national association would have, and also, is confined to collection and fraud prevention work only.

Also, a plan could be worked out whereby the Association could investigate the references of a customer, without discolsing any information to any member but the one appying for the information, and could keep a record of this information, confidential, of course, and not at the disposal of other members. Then, in the future, if another member called for an investigation, the Association could refer to its records and give the desired information without trouble to the reference and delay to the customer and dealer. Also, collectors could refer to the Association after proving themselves reliable. This investigation work, in many cases, could be referred to some member on the ground, with the result that questionable references would be detected better. The Association could keep in touch with the several large mercantile agencies throughout the country, to aid in this work.

By means of a country-wide advertising campaign, and educational pamphlets, to be distributed through the dealers and various publications, especially those designed for the younger generation more people could be interested in stamp collectiing, thus bettering the business. Let this work be put into the hands of a good advertising man capable of handling the position.

By means of information received from correspondents and members in every section of the world, exact market conditions could be ascertained and the members kept posted of large finds, sales of remainders, and matters of a like nature. Also a general idea of the value of these wholesale lots could be fixed, thus preventing the members from paying excessive prices. This feature may appear antagonistic to the wholesaler, but this article is intended for the benefit only of every honest stamp dealer, and all dealers will appreciate this feature if they give it a little thought. While it might prevent them from making an unusually large "clean-up" on some stock of remainders, it will also prevent them from getting "cleaned up" on some of their purchases, and also, by preventing the smaller dealers from getting the bad end of the deal, will increase good feeling and further trade.

The catalogue question is one that has bothered the dealer and collector alike for many years. On the face of the matter, it is apparent that the work of fixing the standard of value on stamps should not be in the hands of a few dealers, each using his own idea, based on his holdings, as to the values of the different stamps. As the matter stands to-day, the catalogues are little better than house price lists. It would be greatly to the advantage of all, dealers and collectors alike, if a catalogue was issued by a group of dealers, and based on the actual law of supply and demand, not the holdings of one particular dealer. In other words, where the price list of one company is now used as a standard of values, the opinions of many authorities would serve to regulate the standard of values under the new catalogue.

The fact that nearly all organizations of this kind in business have proven successful, and competition in other lines is just as strong as in the stamp line, should help to impress on the dealers the necessity of taking a step of this kind.

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PACIFIC COAST CLAIMS.

DEAR SIR:

The time is approaching for the 1914 Convention of the American Philatelic Society to be held at Niagara Falls, at which time the place where the Convention for 1915 shall be held, must be selected. In this connection the undersigned, representing the Pacific Coast sentiment in the matter, solicits your vote to have it held in San Francisco. It is hoped you can personally attend the Niagara Convention and participate in its pleasures and duties, but if you do not attend would ask, if it be your wish and pleasure, to instruct your proxy to vote for San Francisco for 1915; in any event do not fail to be represented at Niagara Falls.

Of course should it be held here in 1915 some of the familiar faces will be missed, which all will regret, but on the other hand there will be many new faces there assembled that have not heretofore found it convenient or possible to travel to the far east for that purpose. After more than a quarter of a century it would seem in order that the Pacific Coast should in all justice have its inning, where many earnest collectors and many high class collection are now located, and no more appropriate year can be selected than that of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition year, which of itself should be of sufficient interest to bring the majority of our membership to the Pacific Coast without the particular attraction of the Convention.

It will be remembered, this matter was brought up at the Denver Convention in 1907 where the writer presented the claim of the Pacific Coast for the convention for the year that should be later fixed as the Exposition year. To this no objection was raised at that time, nor has any adverse opinion been expressed since then, so far as has come to the knowledge of our Pacific Branch No. 3.

In order that the matter may be properly handled here it has been decided to ask that the Board of Vice Presidents be located in or near San Francisco, for the year next ensuing, and a selection of names for such Board has been made, subject to your favorable consideration.

Mr. Henry C. Marcus and Mr. H. G. Smith have consented that their names be used as candidates for recommendation as Vice Presidents and if no other or better name be presented, the undersigned will consent to join with them to make up the Board.

Mr. Marcus is a well known and high class business man of San Francisco who will be an honor to the Society as a member of the Board, and Mr. Smith is too well known to the majority of our members to need an introduction, as he served many years on the Board of Directors, while residing in the Middle West, as Treasurer.

Trusting this will meet with your favorable consideration, and hoping you will interest yourself to be represented at the coming Niagara Falls Convention, and expecting to have the pleasure of greeting you here in San Francisco in 1915, I remain

Very truly and fraternally yours,
H. B. PHILLIPS,
SAN FRANCISCO, June 15, 1914.

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—Two values of the King George series have been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. The design is that first used for the new Grenada stamps.

Adhesives.

½d green.
1d scarlet.

CANADA.—Several foreign papers have reported that Canada was to issue a series of seven stamps, July 1, to celebrate the centenary of Cartier, but nothing is yet known about it here.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—W. P. Brown has shown us a used 5c stamp of the flag set recently chronicled.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Offices in the Levant.*—The 1sh olive bistre King George stamp of Great Britain has been surcharged "5 piastres" for use in the Levant. Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a specimen.

Adhesive.

On stamps of Great Britain.
"5 piastres" on 1sh olive bistre.

GRENADA.—From Whitfield King & Co. we have received the 1sh black on green on paper with white back.

HONDURAS.—The L. L. Albright Co. has also shown us the "5 cent" on 2c rose provisional chronicled last week.

JAPAN.—The new stamps on the paper with fibres of silk and watermarked vertical wavy lines close together have been shown us by the New England Stamp Co. The values seen are the ½s brown, 1s orange yellow, 1½s ultramarine, 2s green, 3s carmine, 4s red, 5s purple, 10s blue, 20s violet, 25s dark olive and 1y yellow green and violet brown. The designs are not changed. The paper is what is known as "granite," except it is white instead of gray.

LUXEMBURG.—Whitfield King & Co. submit three more values in the new series with portrait of the Grand Duchess Marie Adelaide. The design is the same as the 10c described in No. 1222, and the new values are fully as handsome.

Adhesives.

12½c dark green.
15c black brown.
25c dark ultramarine.

MEXICO.—Benedict Prieth sends us the 4c and 5c values of the regular Federal issue, surcharged "G. C. M." in violet, as noted in recent numbers. The overprint is evidently done with a rubber stamp, showing the three letters intertwined as a monogram. Mr. Prieth writes: "The overprint 'G. C. M.' stands for 'Gobierno Constitucionalisto Mexicano,' I have been told, and not for 'Gobierno Constitucionalista Mexico' as reported in the WEEKLY. The new perforated 5c 'Transitorio' differs from the stamps of the preceding issue, in various details, notably the size of the lettering at bottom of stamp. I have been informed by a high Post Office official in Sonora that the 'Transitorio' stamps surcharged 'Victoria de Torreon, etc.' are a private speculation with which the Revolutionary Post Office Department has had absolutely nothing to do."

The 5c referred to above is a new printing of the lithographed "Transitorio" stamps, now being superseded by the Denver issue. It will be noted that on the stamps chronicled in No. 1222, the inscriptions read "Gobierno—Constitucionalista—Mexico."

NICARAGUA.—A. W. Dunning kindly sends us further values of the new set, the 1c of which was chronicled in No. 1226. As stated in No. 1210, two vignettes are used, the National Palace at Managua and the Cathedral of Leon. The former is to appear on the ½c, 1c, 3c, 5c, 15c and 25c, and the latter on the 2c, 4c, 6c, 10c, 20c and 50c values. The stamps are alike in shape and general appearance, but the frames differ in the details of the engraving. The ½c and 1c have the figures of value in the lower corners, while the 25c and 50c values have them at the sides. Like all the recent work of the American Bank Note Co. there is a simplicity to the design and a finish and beauty to the engraving that is in refreshing contrast to the flood of mediocre work coming from all over the world.

Adhesives.

½c blue.
25c orange.
50c sky blue.

The L. L. Albright Co. has shown us used specimens of the "c0.02" on 50c and "c0.02" on 2p blue official stamps previously chronicled.

H. Chitraro shows a used specimen of the 5c of 1905, American print, surcharged "Vale—10 cts" similar to that on Scott's Nos. 256 to 259. There is no period after "cts" and the type of "cts" is different from the catalogued varieties. The stamp has apparently done service in Nicaragua, though Scott does not mention it.

PHILIPPINE IDS.—Theodore Siddall informs us that the 20c stamp has appeared in orange color and is apparently printed in the same ink as the 10c U. S. now in use. The 4p stamp has appeared with the new watermark and has just been placed on sale to the public, though issued through the back door of the postoffice some time since.

SALVADOR.—A. W. Dunning has shown us the full set of typeset provisionals chronicled in No. 1223.

TURKEY.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1¼pi gray and red brown of the current set overprinted with a small blue star, for use on foreign mail. The 10pa, 20pa, 1pi and 2pi have already been noted with a similar overprint.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—E. M. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co., who lives at Salem lost his handsome residence on Lafayette St., the finest residential street in the city, and its entire contents, in the big fire which destroyed a large portion of that city last week. All but one book of his superb Portuguese collection was in Boston and therefore safe. A. W. Batchelder who lived further up on the same street, escaped by a narrow margin.

—"We have received a check signed by R. L. Simmons, Sec'y, drawn on the Oliner Brothers, bankers, of New York. This check was returned to us with the remark "No Account" and the bankers of whom we inquired know nothing of him. Maybe he has victimized other dealers."—C. E. HUSSMAN STAMP CO.

—Mr. J. E. Handshaw, with wife and two sons sailed Monday, June 29, for Europe using the "Rotterdam" of the Holland-American Line. He expects to return in September.

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—Mr. M. Ohlman would like to know the present whereabouts of Dr. Campbell, formerly of Newark Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

—Mr. J. A. Galbraith writes that he is leaving New York on the first steamer in July for a trip to Europe, visiting Germany, France and England. He will return early in August.

—The office and business of the Hub Stamp Co., Nathan Cobe, proprietor, has been sold to Mr. Barker of the New England Stamp Co. In the fall, Mr. Cobe will take a new office in Boston.

—The firm of Henry Voltz & Co. has been dissolved and the business will hereafter be conducted by Mr. Voltz, who has purchased the interests of his former associates. The change is indicated in his advt. elsewhere in this issue.

"WHITE BACKS."

By HERBERT A. WITHERS.

Now that all the British Colonial stamps printed on the provisional surface tinted paper are supplied to the various Colonies, it is possible to attempt a brief history of these interesting stamps, the advent of which created such a furore amongst collectors and dealers the world over.

Most collectors of modern British Colonial Stamps are aware that the dyed papers that have been in use for a number of years—have been coloured in the pulp stage during manufacture, so that obviously the depth of colour on the back of the stamp is precisely the same as that on the front.

The paper mill, however, that has supplied this watermarked paper for Colonial stamps has been suddenly closed down; the Crown Agents for the Colonies have consequently experienced a difficulty in obtaining similar coloured paper: the stock on hand being reserved for the printing of stamps by the recess plate printing method as it is impossible to use chalk surfaced paper for this process owing to the necessity of the paper being wetted before use.

It was, therefore, found necessary to find a temporary substitute for these coloured papers, pending a new contract with another mill, and the difficulty was surmounted by the introduction of colour in its chalky substance with which the ordinary white paper is coated before use. We thus have a paper that is coloured on the side intended for the impression of the stamp design but white on the reverse side; the difference is so marked that there is no difficulty in sub-dividing the two kinds of paper.

By a curious coincidence the colony to issue the first Georgian stamp on the coloured-through paper was also responsible for the issue of the first stamps on the surface tinted paper.

Jamaica may be said to be the colony of philatelic record and surprises. First of all the stamps printed on the "pine" watermark paper were exclusively used for this colony; then, after passing through the CC and Single CA paper periods, Jamaica was the only colony to issue Queen's Head stamps printed on the Multiple Crown and CA paper, closely followed by the introduction of the only Queen's Heads printed in accordance with the Colonial Colour Scheme.

On the 6th of March, 1912, was issued the 3d Jamaican stamp, which proved to be the first Georgian in the key-plate design, and at the beginning of April, 1913, the same denomination appeared printed on the paper which forms the basis of this article.

Undoubtedly, the first chronicle on record of the innovation of the new surface-tinted paper was the publication of a paragraph in the Jamaica *Chronicle* of June 23rd, 1913, from the pen of a well known Jamaica specialist, Mr. Astley Clark, who thus described the new paper from copies of the 3d value:—

"Our present threepenny stamp was put into circulation the 6th March, 1912, just over a year ago and was printed on chalky and non-chalky yellow back paper. I was therefore much surprised to find the G. P. O. selling on the 2nd April this year [1913] a 3d Georgian printed on a white back paper.

I promptly bought a pane of 60 of these stamps for my collection and then enquired of the Stamp Office if the stamp was a paper-error. The officers of that department had already noted the alterations in paper but could not say if it was intentional or not; they, however, told me that even if the white back paper was an error it would not be a rarity as all the stamps they then had in stock were printed on the same paper. I should suppose that Messrs. De La Rue ran short of the yellow back paper and used the white back to print the now current 3d on, but I do not suppose the (forced) error will be repeated. Still, if you my reader, are a live collector get some duplicates at once, as delay is always dangerous. I may say that the face colour—the brown—of this white back 3d is so different from the issue of March 6th that the very blind will notice it."

Thus was the "discovery" of the "white back" first chronicled, although Mr. Clark himself could not have realised the full significance of the innovation, which from a philatelic point of view heralded a new era in the collection of the stamps of the Georgian period.

It is somewhat surprising in these days of advanced specialism that some philatelic enthusiast in this country, by experiments with water or other means, did not arrive at the correct solution of the fact of the paper being coloured on the surface only.

I understand that if the 3d stamp on yellow surfaced paper is immersed in water for a length of time the yellow-coloured chalky surface floats off, leaving a perfect purple on *white* paper stamp. Collectors of used Georgians should therefore be most careful how they set about separating these stamps from their "original" paper.

Messrs. Ewen's, in their *Weekly Stamp News* of July 13th, 1913, state:

"We have received a consignment [of Jamaica stamps] and find two sheets of the 3d King George in a distinctly *new shade*.

"3d dull purple on pale lemon yellow and the marginal line single instead of double, as in previous printing."

However, this system of arriving at half the truth continued until the publication of the first number of *Stamp Collecting* dated the 20th September, 1913, when on certain exclusive information supplied by Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. of Ipswich the full importance of the innovation of surface tinted paper was first made public.

It was at first supposed that the use of this paper would be of a permanent nature, and collectors of Georgian and other modern stamps were advised to complete their sets of stamps printed on the original dyed through paper pending the issue of the corresponding denominations on surface-tinted paper. The quarterly issue of the *Colonial Journal* for January, 1914, however, published the startling announcement that the employment of the surface-tinted paper was of a provisional nature only, and further announced that the coloured papers would again be used.

This announcement caused another flutter amongst collectors of modern colonials, and philatelists who had not hitherto troubled to join "new issue" services promptly sent their subscriptions.

It was taken for granted that most of the stamps printed on the original coloured paper would be affected by the change and embrace the whole range of coloured papers employed in the production of Colonial stamps, viz., yellow, green, blue, and red papers.

But the *Colonial Journal* revealed the fact that only yellow and green tinted papers were to be used; the journal also gave a preliminary list of the stamps that were to be issued on the provisional paper, which is as follows:

Colony	On Yellow tinted paper	On Green tinted paper
Cayman Islands,	3d	1sh & 10sh
Ceylon,	1 & 2 Rupees	5 Rupees
Fiji,		1sh
Gold Coast,	3d & 5sh	
Jamaica,	3d & 4d	1sh
Leeward Islands,	3d & 5sh	1sh
Malta,	3d	1sh
Mauritius,	25 cts.	
Montserrat,	3d	
St. Lucia,	4d	
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Trinidad,	4d	1sh

The *Colonial Journal* for April last gave a further and final list of the stamps to be issued on the tinted paper and confirmed the fact that only yellow and green tinted papers were to be employed.

Colony	On Yellow tinted paper	On Green tinted paper
British Guiana,	96 cents	
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The same journal also reported that the last of the surface tinted paper was used for printing the 3d, 4d, 1sh, 5sh and 10sh stamps of Nigeria which exhausted the whole supply and all future printings would be made on the coloured-through paper as in the past.

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The problems arising out of these important changes are manifold and important. At the time of writing it appears that some of the values are obsolete. The 3d Leeward Islands will prove to be somewhat scarce and it is quite likely that there will be short supplies of other "white backs." It will necessarily take some time before any definite idea can be formed as to comparative scarcity or rarity, as the case may be.

Contrary to expectation there do not seem to be any shades worth noting. I have a copy of the 10c Straits Settlements that is paler than the normal, but the difference is insignificant.

It is very noticeable, however, that in the case of the yellow stamps the colouring matter has penetrated the paper, giving the watermark a distinct yellow outline. In other cases the gum has a thick heavy appearance and is unevenly applied, pointing to the theory that some of the surface colouring substance came into contact with the adhesive mixture.

On bringing this short article to a close, one's thoughts naturally turn to the future issues on the papers supplied under the new contract. By whatever stretch of imagination one may be tempted to create shades of yellow or green or blue or red; there is no question of the difference between the papers "coloured-through" and those showing "white backs."—*Stamp Collecting.*

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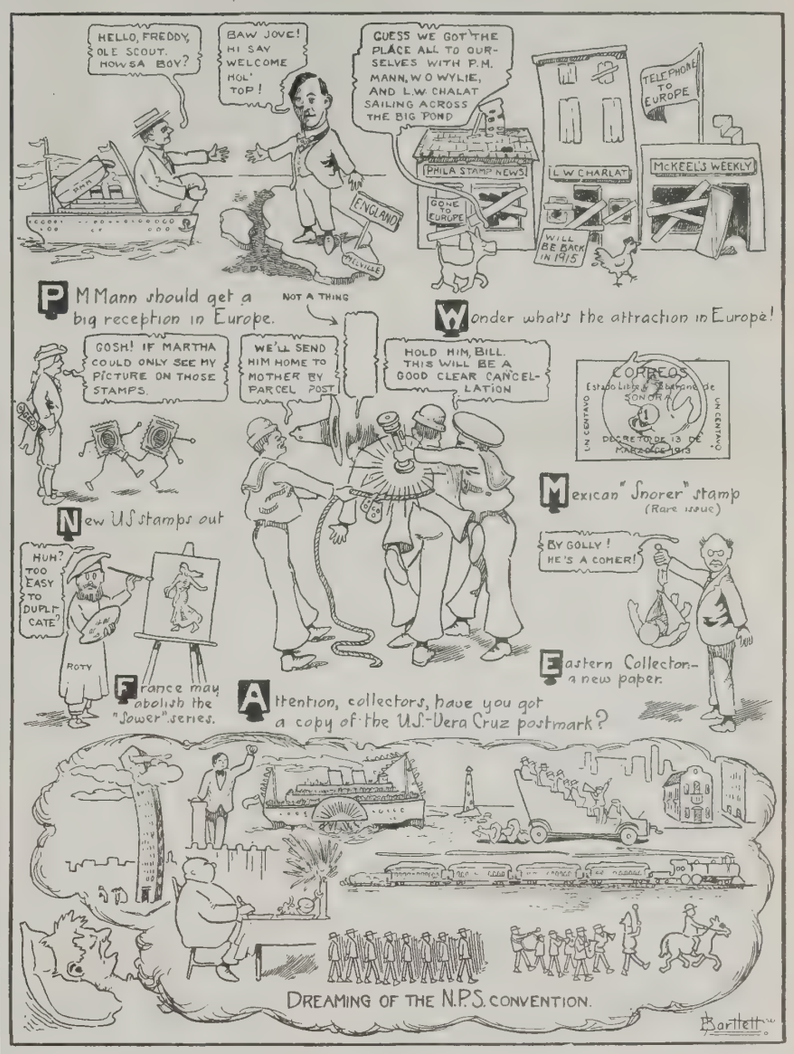
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CONDITION.

The subject of condition should be the first the collector turns his attention to. Unfortunately, however, many beginners still adhere to the old practice of putting any stamp at all in their albums to "fill the space," without regarding tears, heavy cancellations, poor centering, thin spots, straight edges, or even holes. In the days when stamp collecting first became a hobby, condition was unheard of. Perhaps the collectors in that day were happier than they are now. Certainly their albums were not as beautiful to look at. The fact that a few perforations were missing, or that the stamp was torn in two and pasted together, or that a large piece was missing from one or two corners did not prevent the collector from putting the stamp in his book. In a stock of stamps, gathered by an old time dealer, and recently put on the market, a large envelope was found marked "pieces of stamps." In this envelope was an accumulation of worthless junk, consisting of stamps with large pieces torn out of them, or, in some cases, it would be better to say pieces torn out of stamps. Whether this dealer was saving these cripples with the hope of coming across the missing parts some day, the writer cannot say. At all events, the "hospital" was consigned to the fire, where it should have gone years before.

The writer learned his lesson on condition several times, and is quite sure that he knows enough to let the "bad ones" alone. On the first occasion, the collection contained the usual kind that the beginner collects. When this collection was sold, it was discounted to almost nothing on account of the poor condition. Dealers do not want poor copies of stamps. With a very few exceptions, there are enough nice copies for all collectors (though patience is often needed to find them).

The second collection the writer made up was broken up and sold at retail, with the result that all damaged copies were left unsold, and are now in the "junk-box" where they will probably remain until some "annual housecleaning" causes them to be dispensed with.

Of course, allowance must be sometimes made for condition according to the stamp. Old stamps are most often found in poor condition, for the reason that new issue services were unheard of, so the collector was satisfied to take whatever he could get; also, the passing of the stamps through various hands has helped to damage them, and again the art of manufacturing postage stamps was not as well developed, generally, as it is at the present time. Therefore, collectors often have to overlook poor centering and perforating in the early stamps.

In collecting stamps, the collector should avoid the following:

Straight edges,
Thin spots,
Heavy cancellations,
Torn or damaged and
"Off-centered."

Nothing detracts from the beauty of a collection so much as poor copies. It is impossible to make a page attractive if one or two of the stamps are smeared with a "smudge" cancellation, or have pieces missing.

"Straight edges" are perforated stamps imperforate on one or two sides. Straight edges are caused by the margin of the sheets being unperforated. Every collector is probably familiar with them. They do not occur in all stamps, and are usually found on stamps printed in large sheets and cut up, as the United States stamps, for instance. These stamps are printed in sheets of four hundred and are cut in quarters along the guide lines, making sheets of one hundred. (The higher values are printed in sheets of two hundred only.) The stamps receiving the cut are the straight edged ones.

"Thin spots" on stamps are almost as undesirable as tears. However, thin spots are usually on the back of the stamp, and so do not detract from the appearance of the stamp. They are considered a defect, however, and collector will do well to avoid buying stamps that have been "skinned." One way to avoid making thin spots is to use first class peelable hinges, and attach just as little of the hinge to the stamps as possible. Frequent hinging of a stamp will result in making it thin in spots, so do not remount your stamps any more than is necessary. Also, never try to take the hinge off the back of a stamp until it is dry. If you make an error in mounting the stamp, better wait a few minutes than spoil the stamp.

"Heavy cancellations" and "smudge" cancellations always look ugly on a stamp page. Don't buy a stamp that has been treated to a paint brush cancellation. Wait until you can get one cancelled lightly. A lightly cancelled used copy may be thought just as beautiful as an unused, and many times, the cancellation adds interest. Heavy cancellations seem to be the order of the day in some countries, but sooner or later you will come across a nice copy. Wait.

Torn and damaged stamps speak for themselves. If you can't find a whole stamp, remember that an empty space looks better than one filled with an eyesore.

"Off-centered" stamps are stamps that have not been perforated properly, causing the stamp to appear one-sided. The collector who is really particular about his stamps insists that the designs be in the very center of the stamp. At any event, do not if possible put a stamp in your book if the perforations cut much into the design. Many of the auction dealers describe "off-centered" stamps as being centered a "jot West", for example. The writer has found that a "jot" varies considerably, and if the stamp centers even a jot in any direction, it is better to wait until you come across one that is centered as it should be, with even margins on all sides.

In summing up this "condition lesson," let the collector remember one rule, and follow it: *Insist on fine condition, and do not put any stamp in your book that does not come up to your standard of condition.* You would not buy a painting that had a piece cut out of it, nor a suit of clothes with paint on it. Then, why buy stamps that are not in good condition? If your dealer can't supply you with fine conditioned stamps, (and many cannot, apparently) trade with a dealer who can. Of course, you will seldom find fine conditioned stamps at 75% discount, but when you consider that damaged stamps are practically worthless, while fine copies are increasing in value, you will see that it pays to get the best.

The question of gum on unused stamps should come up under the subject of condition. However, this requirement seems to be passing to the rear in philately. Where a few years ago a stamp would be heavily discounted if it was not O. G. (original gum), today, it will bring quite a fair price, though, of course, not as much as a copy with full original gum. Try to get copies with gum when you buy unused, but at the same time, do not pass up bargains because they have not this feature. In the opinion of the writer, the back of a stamp is just about as important as the can in which sardines come. It is all right in its place, and indispensable, but not the chief feature of interest.

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CHAPTER XXIII.—*Registered Letter Stamps.*

A special class of stamps issued in connection with the postal system are labels issued for use on Registered letters or parcels. In most civilised countries a registration system is in force under which one can, by paying an addition charge, be assured of a relatively safer conveyance and delivery of a letter and, in case of its loss, compensation can usually be secured. But though registration forms an important part in the postal service of so many countries in but few places have special labels been issued to denote that the registration fee has been paid. Many arguments have been held as to the standing of these labels and it has been asserted that they have no *status* as postage stamps but are only receipts given by the post office to show that the registration charge has been paid. But in some cases there is no doubt that part of the sum indicated by the registration stamp indicates the postal charge as well. In any case they are a small and somewhat unimportant class of labels. The continent of Europe does not provide a single registration stamp; Afghanistan is the only Asiatic country issuing them; in Africa we find Liberia is the only country that has ever troubled to issue these special labels; in America most of the varieties come from the various departments of Colombia, though the United States, Canada, Salvador and Venezuela have also issued them. Australia, New South Wales, Queensland, and Victoria issued these labels many years ago and these are perhaps the most interesting and valuable of all registered letter stamps. As a rule these stamps are easy to distinguish for they bear some word or inscription indicating their special use. Those of Afghanistan can only be identified by comparison with the catalogue illustrations. On the United States label the word is "REGISTRY," on the Canadian and Australian stamps it is "REGISTERED" while on other stamps the following equivalents for the English word are shown:—

A.—(An abbreviation for "Anotacion.") This letter is shown on some of the stamps of Colombia.

Anotacion.—This word means "Registered" and is shown on some of the labels issued in Colombia.

Certificado.—This is another form for "Registered" or, more accurately, "Certified," and appears on the stamps of Salvador and Venezuela.

R.—(An abbreviation for "Registro.") This letter is prominently shown on some of the stamps of Antioquia, Bolivar, Colombia, Cundinamarca, Panama and Tumaco.

R.—(An abbreviation for "Registered.") Shown upon the registration stamps of Liberia.

Recomendada.—This word means literally, "Recommended," in the sense that the letter is recommended for special care during its journey through the post. It is shown on one of the registration labels of Colombia.

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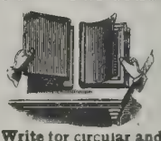
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By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

Saxony is a kingdom of Germany, being fifth in area and third in population among the states of the empire. It is surrounded by Bohemia, Silesia, Prussian Saxony, and the minor Saxon States and has a total area of 5,787 square miles. The population grows fast and had nearly quadrupled in the period 1815-1900. At the present time it has nearly reached the five million mark and is the most densely peopled country in Europe. The River Elbe divides the kingdom into two almost equal parts, both hilly and both well watered. The predominating geographical feature of the western half is the Erzgebirge (2,500 feet) separating it from Bohemia; of the eastern half, offsets of the Riesengebirge, and the sandstone formation, above Dresden, known as the Saxon Switzerland. Agriculture is highly developed though most of the farms are small. Saxony's chief interests are, however, manufacturing and mining. Coal, iron, cobalt, tin, copper, lead and silver are all found, the latter having been mined at Freiberg since the 12th century.

The people are in part of Slav descent, but Germanised. Amongst them are between 50,000 and 60,000 Wends (pure Slavs). Education stands at a high level, the university at Leipzig, for instance, being one of the most important educational centres of the empire. The capital is Dresden, while the three largest towns are Dresden, Leipzig and Chemnitz. Saxony is a constitutional, hereditary monarchy, with a parliament of two chambers. It sends four members to the Imperial Council and twenty-three representatives to the Reichstag.

The name of Saxony formerly designated a very large tract in north Germany, extending from the Weser to the frontiers of Poland. At the peace of 1495 the Emperor Maximilian I, divided Germany into two circles, of which the extensive tract of country hitherto called Saxony formed three, viz:—Westphalia, Lower Saxony and Upper Saxony. The last of these comprised the electorates of Braddenburg and Saxony, the duchy of Pomerania, and several small principalities. The kingdom of Saxony was formed out of the electorate of the same name. The duchy of Saxony, to which the electorial dignity and the office of hereditary marshall of the empire were attached, was, however, no part of the ancient German duchy of that name (which was composed of Lauenberg and a tract on the other side of the Elbe), but a Wend or Vandal province, which Albert the Bear, margrave of Salzwedel, of the house of Ascania, had conquered and left to his son Bernhard. This Bernhard received from the Emperor Frederick Barbarossa the dignity of Duke of Saxony, to which were attached a part of Engern and Westphalia, extending from the Weser, which separated it from Eastphalia, westward to the Rhine. But Bernhard not being powerful enough to maintain his rights, most of the Saxon allodial proprietors became immediate estates of the empire by which the duchy was dissolved, and its name transferred to the country inherited by Bernhard from his father, to which from that time the ducal dignity was attached. The house of Ascania becoming extinct on the death of Albert III (1422), the Emperor Sigismund invested Frederick the Warlike, margarve of Meissen, with the electoral title and the duchy of Saxony. He was succeeded in the electoral dominions by his son, Frederick the Mild, who reigned from 1428 to 1464. On his death his dominions were divided between his two sons, Albert and Ernest, who were the founders of the Albertine and Ernestine lines, the former of which still reigns in the kingdom of Saxony, and the latter is divided into four branches of Saxe-Altenburg, Coburg-Gotha, Meiningen and Weimar.

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overthrow of Napoleon at Leipzig (1813), the king was for a time a prisoner in the hands of the allies, and the Congress of Vienna deprived him of more than half his dominions, or a territory of 7,880 square miles, which was handed over to Prussia. Saxony took the side of Austria in the Seven Weeks' War (1866) shared in the defeat of Sadowa and was compelled to join the North German Confederation. In 1871 Saxony became a member of the new German empire.

Its Philatelic History.

The German-Austrian Postal Union was formed on April 6th, 1850, and as Saxony at once decided to join it was necessary to take measures for providing postage stamps. The kingdom of Bavaria had issued stamps in the previous year and the Government of Saxony therefore applied to that kingdom for information. In response to this appeal the Bavarians sent copies of all their acts and decrees relating to the issue of stamps, together with specimens of the postage stamps which had been issued. As the question of deciding upon an entire issue required some deliberation, it was determined to make a start by providing a stamp of small value for prepaying the rate of postage on journals and printed matter. This stamp was the now famous 3 pfennige red the design of which, it will be noticed, is a palpable copy of the 1 kreuzer Bavaria. On June 22d, 1850, a notice appeared stating that from July 1st following, articles under wrapper destined for any place within the circuit of the royal post of Saxony or for Austria, Prussia, Bavaria, the Mecklenburgs, Anhalt - Schwarzburg, Waldeck, or Hamburg, must be prepaid with stamps of three pfennige for every loth (about ½ oz.) in weight, and that the post-office had prepared such stamps, the sale of which would commence on June 29th, though they were not to be used until July 1st. For the definite issue of August 1st, 1851, more elaborate designs were selected. Various methods of production were considered and numerous essays were submitted by J. B. Hirschfeld, who printed the 3pf red. Hirschfeld could, apparently, only produce stamps by the typographic process and while this was considered suitable enough for the lowest value, used for printed matter, it was hardly considered good enough for the higher denominations. Consequently Hirschfeld only obtained the contract for printing the 3 pfennig stamps, in a design showing the Arms of the kingdom, while the contract for manufacturing the higher values was awarded to C. C. Meinhold & Sons, of Dresden, a firm well-known for the production of engravings by the glyphographic process. There were four values in all—½, 1, 2, and 3 neugroschen—showing a profile portrait of Frederic Augustus II. King Frederic died on August 9, 1854, and was succeeded by his brother John. Steps were at once taken to provide new stamps and though these were ready by the end of the year they were not issued until June 1st, 1855. The numismatic rule of setting the profile of a reigning sovereign the reverse way to that in which it was placed on the coins etc., of his predecessor was followed. With the exception of the portrait the design was altered as little as possible; the values were the same and the same colors were used. No change was made in the 3pf value, as it bore the coat-of-arms, and this denomination continued to be printed by Hirschfeld. It was found desirable to have higher values than 3ngr for use on letters sent beyond the confines of the German-Austrian postal union and on April 24th, 1856, 5 and 10ngr stamps were issued. In design these were similar to the lower values but they were printed in color on white paper instead of in black on colored papers as was the case with all previously issued neugroschen stamps.

In March, 1861, the head of the Prussian Post-office called attention to the confusion that was created by so many states of the German-Austrian Postal Union using stamps of corresponding values in different colors, and suggested that all stamps of similar value, whether expressed in schilling, grote, groschen, or kreuzer, should be printed in the same color, and that the same rule should be applied to the stamped envelopes, which should have the stamp in the right upper angle, and the adhesives placed in the same position; and he advised new issues to be made to carry out these suggestions. These proposals met with general approval, and Saxony immediately prepared for a new issue. Various firms were invited to submit designs, but only four did so and the contract was eventually awarded to Giesecke and Devrient, of Leipzig. The new stamps had the arms of Saxony in colorless embossing in the centre, and they are certainly inferior in appearance to their predecessors. With this issue perforation was introduced for the first time. The values were the same as before except that the 10 neugroschen was dropped. The demand for this value was found to be exceedingly small and at the time the new series appeared, July 1st, 1863, quite a large proportion of the original supply of the 10ngr of 1856 still remained on hand. Saxony, as we have already shown, was compelled to join the North German Confederation and on the appearance of the Confederation stamps on January 1st, 1868, its separate stamps were suppressed.

The currency of Saxony was the thaler, worth about 72c, which was divided into 30 neugroschen. One neugroschen was equivalent in value to a silbergroschen, but was divided into ten instead of twelve pfennige.

The First Issue.

Among all the stamps issued by the various German States none is more popular than the first stamp issued in Saxony—the 3 pfennige red. It is not a very handsome stamp, or even one of original design, but it is merely a somewhat crude copy of the 1kr stamp issued by Bavaria in 1849, as we have already pointed out. This particular stamp seems always to have been in demand from the earliest days of stamp collecting, the real reason of its popularity being that it was one of the most difficult stamps to obtain as well as one of the first used in the German Empire. This stamp was produced in a hurry and did not receive the careful consideration accorded to the other postage stamps issued by Saxony in the following year. The reason for its hurried manufacture lies in the fact that it was intended for use on newspapers and printed matter which, under the newly formed postal Convention between Austria and various German States, had to be prepaid. If not prepaid, the packages were charged full letter rate. Not only had these packages to be prepaid but the Saxon Government insisted that stamps must be used and payment in cash was not allowed. The design consists of a large open "3" covered with a mazework pattern on a ground composed of fragments of wavy lines within a frame 18½ mm. square. The frame is about 3¼ mm. wide and is inscribed "SACHSEN" at top, "FRANCO" at base, "DREI" at left, and "PFEN-

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It is probable only twenty moulds were made for the stamps were printed in sheets of twenty in four horizontal rows of five. It has been suggested that there was another plate used for some of the later printings but no satisfactory proof of this has been produced. Lines of printer's rule were placed between the casts and in referring to these Mr. Westoby says they ran "vertically down the sheet uninterruptedly; but the horizontal lines were broken and did not touch the vertical lines." Unless, however, a second plate was used, or a resetting of the casts made, this statement must be inaccurate for in a superb mint block of four illustrated in a German paper some little time ago the horizontal lines are distinctly continuous and it is the vertical ones which are broken. The stamps were printed on ordinary white wove paper and they are, of course, not perforated. The gum is of a distinctly yellow hue.

The first lot of stamps consisting of 120,000 (6,000 sheets) was delivered by the end of June and the public's appreciation of them may be gauged from the fact that only 19,000 remained by the 20th of August. Two days later another supply of 60,000 was delivered. Both these lots were ordered orally but after that it was decreed that future orders must be made in writing from the office of the Main Postal Treasury. Six further lots were ordered and delivered as follows:—

	Stamps	or Sheets
October 8th, 1850,	40,000	2,000
November 4th, 1850,	60,000	3,000
December 19th, 1850,	60,000	3,000
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Altogether, therefore, 500,000 of these stamps were printed and delivered. One sheet of twenty stamps was sent to the Finance Ministry at Dresden as a sample, 463,058 stamps were sold, and the remaining 36,922 were burnt on December 10th, 1851. In the early nineties the sheet sent to the Treasury was apparently cut up and the stamps sold singly at a dollar or so apiece.

That this stamp was only intended as a temporary issue is shown by a remark contained in the official notification of June 22nd, 1850, viz:—"This form is, however, only provisional, and will be altered when postage stamps for correspondence (letters) are introduced." This stamp was replaced by the 3pf green label, in the Arms type, on August 1st, 1851, and it was then decreed that no more of the red stamps were to be sold at the post-offices. At the same time the public were informed they could use any of the red stamps they possessed but that under no circumstances would they be exchanged for the new green ones. Writing in the *Monthly Journal* for December, 1900, Mr. G. B. Duerst says: "This is the reason why the 3 pfennig, red, is so rare with the lozenge obliteration, which was only introduced in March, 1852. The usual postmark is the name and date stamp, but the earliest obliteration was in pen and ink."

The stamp exists in a number of shades, doubtless owing to the many printings, but according to the catalogue quotations there is little to choose between them in point of rarity.

The stamp is rare and its scarcity is accounted for by the fact that the vast majority of the 463,058 stamps sold were used on newspaper packages and were destroyed in the removal of the wrapper.

Unused this stamp has always been considered scarcer than used but owing to the larger demand for used specimens of recent years there is now little to choose between used and unused so far as market value is concerned. We believe the largest block known in mint condition, with original gum, is a block of four from the right lower corner of a sheet. An entire sheet is, or was, in existence, however. This was described in the *Monthly Journal* in 1896 as follows:—"Mr. Castle secured, for a sum of about $1500.00, an unsevered and unused sheet of 20 Saxony 3pf red. This is believed to be the only sheet known, and is the one formerly in the Friedl Museum of Vienna. Mr. Friedl got it from a Castle in Saxony, where it was found pasted on a fire-screen and varnished over! Naturally it is not in the most brilliant condition, but it is a unique piece, and well worth the price paid."

This 3pf stamp is one that has consistently shown an appreciation in value and of recent years it has jumped upwards in price at an astonishing rate. In 1864 it was worth about 35c in used condition; in 1884 it was quoted 75c; in 1894 its value had increased to $22, in 1908 it stood at $37; while at the present time Scott has it quoted at a modest $70, Gibbons at $120, while fine copies have approached the $150 mark at auction abroad. There is a suspicion in some quarters that some one is attempting a corner in this stamp—a not impossible proceeding in view of the limited number available—and should such a "corner" be successful there is no knowing to what price this variety may yet be forced.

Few stamps have been so extensively counterfeited as this 3 pfennige, one writer alone admitting the possession of no less than twenty-five different counterfeits. Mr. Westoby mentions several points which should be of value in detecting counterfeits, viz.:—

In the ornament in the corners, which is in the shape of a quatrefoil, the interior design is in the shape of a four-rayed star, or rather a round uncolored centre to a St. Andrew's Cross. In the left upper corner ornament there is a curved line opposite to each extremity of the cross. This curved line is wanting opposite the left upper extremity of the cross in all the other corner ornaments, and also opposite the upper right extremity of the cross in the right upper ornament, and this right extremity is long, while the left one is very short, as also is the upper right one in the right lower ornament. In the inscriptions the S and A in SACHSEN almost join, as also do the R and E in DREI. There is a break in the inner line of the frame opposite the I of DREI. These are the principal tests given by Messrs. Collin and Calman, and in their catalogue enlarged engravings are given of the corner ornaments. In the genuine stamps there is a full stop after FRANCO which, curiously enough, is absent in most of the imitations."



Reference List.
July 1st, 1850. No wmk. Imperf.
1. 3pf red, Scott's Nos. 1 or 1a.
(*To be continued.*)

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION.

Owing to a serious eye trouble with which the editor of the *Philatelic Journal of America* has been afflicted, he tells us that he has been unable to read a stamp paper for the past ten weeks.

His physicians forbid desk work and as it was not anticipated that intermission would be long, no immediate provision was made for the editorial work of the *Journal* as Mr. C. H. Mekeel expected to be able to resume it very shortly.

The May and June numbers of the *Journal* were not issued, and on July 1st the publishers announced that owing to the break they would suspend publication until Fall.

Two numbers will be issued, probably bearing the dates of November and December, to complete Volume 24—ten numbers of this volume having been issued.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Tolerance—The following order regarding the use of the distinctive ten cent registration stamps, the issue of which was discontinued some time ago, has been sent from Washington, under date of July 1st, 1914: "Postmasters are informed that while registry stamps should not be accepted in payment of postage at the post office of mailing, ordinary mail of all classes inadvertently dispatched from the office of mailing with registry stamps affixed representing the full amount of postage, shall upon reaching the post office of address, be delivered to the addressee without additional charge."

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Interruption—Sometime ago, the editor, Mr. P. McG. Mann, of our weekly contemporary was forced to leave his desk because of eye strain and a trip to Europe was taken in order to secure the rest of the ocean voyage. Mr. Mann returned recently with his sight much improved. Now we have been informed by Mr. Charles H. Mekeel that in consequence of trouble with his eyes which has not yielded to treatment as yet, he has been compelled to abandon all intention of issuing any numbers of his magazine, the *Philatelic Journal of America* during the summer. Later in this year, Mr. Mekeel intends to issue two numbers of his journal, in order to complete the present volume and thereby be in à position to start the new year with a new volume. We sympathize with our confrere in the publishing field, knowing how irksome he must find it to have his activities so sharply curbed and we sincerely trust that the long rest that is imperative will restore the former strength of Mr. Mekeel's eyes. While we deplore the temporary suspension of this superb monthly, yet we are cheered by the promise of the future that it will appear in improved form, even.

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Strands—The appearance of the new shilling St. Vincent in different color may indicate that there is something in the report that the retirement of the green on black shillings of the colonial issues is impending because the cancellation marks do not show plainly enough on the present stamps. The new Mexico constitutional issue is called the permanent one and we trust that it will remain unchanged long enough to give collectors a chance to catch up on the provisionals. A reader has asked George W. Linn to send him a sample of the "Sonora Dope" that he has been advertising. E. F. R. writes: "I note in a recent auction sale ad: Unused 1869, 10c orange, perfection, without gum (!!)." If the stamp had gum, the auctioneer would probably get out an extra.

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Our Youngest Subscriber — Our "youngest subscriber" contest has furnished a pleasant diversion; and we now make an announcement of the awards in this contest which has been entered into so earnestly by many readers. Master Thomas Eliot Weil of Bellingham, Washington, writes: "I am 7 and will be eight the 23rd of June. Am I entitled to the stamp offered to the youngest subscriber? I have 2000 stamps counting my envelopes and post cards. I learned to read this year and can read the WEEKLY. My brother Frank is 5½. Very truly yours." We wish we could have written so well at eight as our correspondent, who carefully numbers the three pages of his letter, written on one side of the paper. From the father of this Master Weil, we have received the following confirmation: "My older boy now visiting in Portland, Oregon, wrote relative to the stamp to be given the youngest subscriber to the WEEKLY. He was eight years old June 23rd, 1914, but the subscription is in the name of his younger brother, Frank Tuttle Weil, five and a half years old. Frank has an Imperial Album and 800 varieties hinged." So, the regular prize goes to Frank Tuttle Weil, Bellingham, Washington, *aetat.* five years,—and his big brother will get a stamp, too. We shall now ask our youngest subscriber, 5 years old, to shake hands with our oldest, age 83 years.

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Constancy Is a Jewel—From Miss Amy L. Swift, Whitman, Massachusetts, the most entertaining philatelic writer of her sex, we have received the following interesting communication: "Now that you have distributed nice juicy plums to your oldest and youngest subscribers, why not pass out another to the most constant one, that is, the one whose subscription has run steadily without any break whatever for the longest period. I will start the contest by stating that mine has run continuously since 1893 but should need to look over files in order to decide in what month it began. The fifty cents a year was quite a tax in the beginning but the paternal pocket was never closed to the small girl and so the subscription never lapsed. Now the WEEKLY has come to be as much of a habit with me as is the cigar to the average masculine but a much less harmful 'habit,' you understand." Verily, Miss Swift may sign herself, "Constant Reader," and we are certain that among our feminine readers at least, she takes precedence.

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San Francisco's Wish—In the letter that Mr. H. B. Phillips has prepared asking for favorable consideration of San Francisco as the seat of the 1915 convention of the American Philatelic Society, it is mentioned that there has been a tacit agreement of some years' standing that San Francisco was to be awarded the convention the year of the Pacific-Panama festival. The claim is a valid one and a promise was made by certain of the prominent members that San Francisco deserved the honor on that occasion. In a sense, San Francisco has always been a candidate for the convention but realizing that it was too remote from the center of population of the American Philatelic Society, it instituted no aggressive measures to secure the meeting, in ordinary years. The slate-makers, in fact, had San Francisco picked for the 1915 convention; and it was planned that the late Henry J. Crocker would be made president that year. The death of Mr. Crocker disorganized the project. It is true that the agreement of those members in favor of San Francisco was made when the convention of 1915 seemed so far in the distance that it did not seem to be an affair that concerned them personally but nevertheless there appears to be no good reason on that score to repudiate the implied obligation.

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A Point at Issue—The objection that might be raised that many of the familiar faces at conventions would be missing at San Francisco because of its distance from the east is very plausibly met in Mr. Phillips' letter by the contention that new ones would be seen in their places. Nothing is said of the distractions of the Exhibition as a factor in weakening the degree of attention on the convention but it could be argued as an off-set that the Exhibition would be instrumental in attracting a larger attendance than in usual years. We know that there will be a contest on the selection of the next convention place even though no city other than San Francisco has been publicly advanced; and it would be well for those who are not to attend the coming Niagara Falls convention to instruct their proxy holders on their choice. At the present writing the alternative with many members would have to be "not San Francisco," in the absence of any competitor nominated up to this time.

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Postmark collecting as an intensive, extensive, and specialized hobby is a comparatively recent recruit in the collecting world. Altho it has been existing for the past fifteen or twenty years in a quiet way, it is only during the past two or three that it has been brought before the public, and even now there is a large share of the collecting public who knows little or nothing about this most fascinating form of collection. Not only do few know anything about postmarks, but those few who do know (unless they be adherents themselves) usually treat the hobby with ridicule and put it to scorn as mere children's nonsense.

There is no good reason why postmark collecting should be frowned upon; it is as scientific as stamp collecting, is just as "legitimate" inasmuch as its specimens are officially authorized, provides just as much enjoyment as any other form of collection, and is no more childish. In addition to these features it has one advantage which places it in a preeminent position, namely, its extreme cheapness. Not only may thousands of specimens be obtained by collectors merely for the trouble of asking for them but additional thousands may be obtained at a cost so low as to cover only the labor of cutting.

For the collector who likes original research, postmarks afford a fruitful field. Little or no work has been done on them, information is easily obtained, and a great deal of research material can be procured for almost nothing. Compare this situation with that now obtaining in philately; practically all the fields open to the "common" collector have been worked, and some of them reworked—what few remain are generally impossible from financial or other standpoints.

Postmark collecting, then, should unflinchingly recommend itself to men of collecting bent who cannot afford to put the money into a stamp collection that such a collection now demands, and to men who like to explore new fields. The hobby is exceedingly interesting, fascinating and recreational, beside being scientific and instructive; these features recommend it to all classes of collectors.

Before explaining the details of the hobby it might be well to define a few terms. A postmark, literally speaking, is any mark applied by the postal authorities to any piece of mail transported, and includes not only our common cancellations, but all sorts of rubber stamps and paper labels. However, in connection with the hobby only such marks that serve to cancel or indicate the office of origin or receipt are considered as "postmarks." Ordinarily a postmark is the cancellation appearing in the upper right hand corner of the envelope, cancelling the stamp.

Postmarks are divided roughly into two general classes according to their method of application, handstamps and machines. The handstamps are applied, as the name indicates, by hand, either with a tool resembling an ordinary rubber stamp or with a hammer-like instrument. The machine cancellations are applied by electric, foot-power, or hand-power machines; these machines differ greatly in type, being made by different manufacturers and leased to the Government.

A handstamp consists of two parts, the label and the obliterator. The label contains the necessary information prescribed by law and is usually enclosed within a circle; the obliterator consists of any convenient device to cancel the stamp, usually a series of concentric rings, a series of short horizontal lines, or an oval bearing a number. Label and obliterator are intimately joined, the stamp being cancelled and the required information stamped simultaneously. Formerly, and even to a certain extent today, two operations were necessary to completely postmark a letter, the label and obliterator (usually a piece of cork at the end of a stick) being separate stamps.

Machine postmarks also consist of label and obliterator, the label usually resembling that of the handstamp in its general characteristics. Certain machine labels, however, are arranged in straight lines without any enclosing line. The obliterators made by the different companies (who supply the dies for their types of machine) differ greatly in character, but they nearly all agree in having as a "motif" a series of lines arranged to form an imaginary rectangle about 2½ inches long by about one inch wide, acting as a very effective cancellation to as many as three stamps arranged horizontally adjoining each other. The lines may take different forms; long horizontal, short vertical, curved or waved, resembling a flag, slanting, etc., with variations and combinations. Frequently a number or a letter, or both, appear between the lines; these characters indicate the particular machine which made the cancellation. Each die is numbered by the manufacturers, the same number being given to many dies, but not to more than one in the same office. These die numbers run up to twenty-five in the city of Chicago. The letters C, D, R, and T have no particular significance at the present time, altho originally they were intended to show different classes of mail; Collected, Dropped, Received and Transient. The purpose of the numbering is to give a check on the work of the machine or of the clerk who is operating it, making it easy to locate errors or poor work. A clear impression showing office of origin, date, and time of mailing is required by law.

Many machine postmarks contain additional interesting information in the obliterator; some show that the letter was postmarked at a branch post office or station while others give notice of some exhibition, fair, congress, or other important event. These latter type of postmarks are called advertising or publicity postmarks and are highly prized and eagerly collected by postmark enthusiasts. In the United States only an event of national importance for which Congress has made an appropriation is permitted to advertise with postmarks, but in Canada and some other countries almost any fair or exhibition is privileged to advertise on all outgoing letters, provided it furnishes its own die. Advertising postmarks will be exhaustively treated in a future article.

A collection of postmarks may be mounted and preserved in the way most satisfactory to its owner, but there is really only one method which can be recommended to careful collectors. The "one best" way is to cut all specimens to an exact size and file them away in a card index file such as those used in business offices and libraries. By common consent postmark collectors have agreed that a definite and regular size for specimens be adopted, primarily to facilitate satisfactory exchange. It will be readily appreciated that the specimens in any one collection must all be of the same size, and so all specimens must be of the same size to permit exchange. The size determined upon was a rectangle two inches wide by four inches long, accommodating the postmark horizontally. This size is not entirely arbitrary, for it had been discovered that there were very few postmarks which could not be kept in their entirety on a piece of the cover cut to this size, and that it was generally a convenient size with which to work.

To make a collection look neat (not particularly for the eye of the visitor) it is positively necessary to have each specimen cut neatly and *exactly* to just the proper size, two by four inches, no smaller and no larger. Anyone who has seen a collection in which this requirement was not observed will certainly appreciate this advice. To get each postmark exactly to size is an impossible task when a pair of scissors or shears is used, making it advisable to employ a photographic cutting board. The postmarks may then be readily cut from the entire cover, making each edge smooth and perpendicular to its adjoining edges. In cutting from covers roughly (for stock, sale, or exchange) care should be taken to leave plenty of margin for trimming to proper size; it costs no more to cut half an inch larger all around, 2½x4½, and it certainly saves the ultimate owner considerable disappointment and several naughty words.

A few collectors mount their collections in albums of one sort or another, but such methods are generally far from satisfactory. In the first place, even with the loose leaf type of book, little semblance of alphabetical order can be maintained, for new varieties and dies for which no place has been left are constantly flowing in. It is very necessary for a postmark collection to be kept in strict alphabetical order, either as a whole or separately by classes, for if it were not, specimens would be duplicated or entirely omitted time and again. The card index system is open to the

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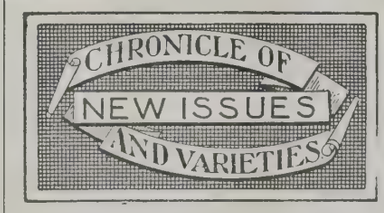
Postmarks (even old ones), existing as they do in such great quantities, are not of any great pecuniary value as a general rule, although there are certain rare items which frequently bring good prices. A lot of fairly good material cut to the proper size ought to bring anywhere from fifteen to twenty-five cents per hundred varieties. Selected lots run a little higher; large mixed lots bring from fifty to eighty cents per thousand specimens. Special items, such as advertisings, navals, old ones, etc., range in price from fifty cents per hundred to five cents apiece. These low prices obtain because the hobby is still young and the values are not generally appreciated, but as soon as postmarks grow in favor and importance the prices for good items will rise enough to make a postmark business profitable.

A great many collectors of postmarks are fortunately situated in positions where they are able to pick up thousands of specimens merely for the trouble of performing the actual labor. Thus they amass large collections and have quantities of desirable duplicates to exchange; a collection obtained in this way is a great pleasure indeed, and certainly a very economical one. Large mail order houses or manufacturing concerns which deal directly with their customers are always fertile sources for postmarks, providing, of course, that access can be obtained to the waste paper before it is disposed of. Permission to sort over the envelopes (which, by the way, are usually kept separate from the rest of the waste paper) may usually be easily obtained if application is made in the right way to the proper authority. The State Capitol has been found by several collectors to be a fine place for postmarks from local towns; large office buildings are also good places to visit.

The field of postmark collecting is exceedingly broad, many more times so than that of stamp collecting. Postmarks date back to before the time when stamps were first issued, and since their meagre beginning they have grown until practically every town of any size anywhere in the world now produces them in quantity every day. There are over sixty thousand post offices in this country alone, and many of these have as many as half a dozen different forms of cancellation in daily use. These facts should not, however, discourage collectors from "taking the plunge" for one can specialize in postmarks the same as in stamps. In fact specialism is advised; instead of starting the new collector out with a general collection, as in philately, we prefer to start him with the nucleus of a specialized collection. Then when he has acquired experience, he can branch out to suit himself. A beginner usually starts to collect the postmarks of his own state, branching out later to include those of adjoining or interesting states. Other collectors specialize in machines or in handstamps, or in advertising, Railway Post Office, Warship, Sea Office, aerial, or other special cancellations. There are many prominent philatelists who collect some of these classes of postmarks but who do not realize that they are postmark collectors; also perhaps they might not care to admit it, postmark collecting being such a childish and silly hobby.

This new hobby is now being fostered in America by the International Postmark Society, an alert organization of some fifty members, with offices in Denver. This Society, through its officers, directorate, and committees, has succeeded in bringing postmark collecting up to its present high standard, and if their progress during the coming season is as great as that during the past, the collecting fraternity will surely have something new to talk and write about.

Postmark collecting, then, to sum up its advantages, is a clean, refined, interesting, educational, scientific, recreational, and inexpensive hobby, deserving of the attention of every collector.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—A correspondent sends us a wrapper from Georgetown, Texas, with a 1c paid permit stamp. This was used in the building and endowment campaign of the Southwestern University, located in that town.

BAVARIA.—Louis G. Barrett sends us the following regarding his discovery of the two dies of the 1911, or "Prince Regent" issue of Bavaria:

In the 1911 issue of Bavaria there are two distinct dies of most of the values from 3pf to 80pf and probably for all of them although Mr. Barrett has not found the 3pf in Die B or the 60pf in Die A.

The two dies may be described as to their common features as follows:—

Die A.

a. In the label at top containing the date "12 MÆRZ 1911", the "2" of "12" has a short base.
b. The middle stroke of the diphthong Æ is very short, sometimes almost missing.
c. The tail of the "9" of "1911" is very thin and is only curved slightly to the left.
d. All the 1's show but slight traces of serifs at top.
e. In the lower label the "N" of "BAYERN" has *no serif* at top of left stroke.
f. In the values from 30pf to 80pf inclusive the impression measures exactly 20x25 mm.

Die B.

a. The "2" of "12" in upper label has a longer base and top of the numeral is much heavier.
b. The entire word "MÆRZ" is much more heavily drawn, and the middle stroke of the diphthong Æ is as long as the top and bottom strokes.
c. The tail of the "9" in "1911" is heavy and curves further to the left, being more rounded than in Die A.
d. The 1's all have distinct and conspicuous serifs at top.
e. The "N" of "BAYERN" in lower label *has a serif* at top of left stroke.
f. The values from 30pf to 80pf inclusive are a ½ mm. smaller in both dimensions than in Die A: namely 19½x24½, a difference easily seen and very noticeable in blocks.

In addition to these general differences, there are others peculiar to certain values; thus in the 5pf the tail of the "5" is thin and points downwards in Die A, whereas in Die B it is heavier and points horizontally to the left.

On the 20pf, Die A, the base of the "2" of "20" is thin and terminates at the right end in an upturned serif; in Die B of this value, the base is nearly twice as heavy as in Die A, and there is practically no serif at right end.

On the 30pf, Die A, the top stroke of the "3" is 2 mm. long; in Die B, it is only 1½ mm. long.

On the 50pf Die A, the tail of the "5" stops below the vertical stroke of the numeral, while on Die B it extends much further to the left, reaching to within ½ mm. of left frame line.

Mr. Barrett adds: "These differences have nothing in common with the 'broken' and 'missing-letter' varieties of Die A, so much sought after by foreign collectors, and to the best of my knowledge the above information in regard to there being two distinct Dies has escaped previous mention, either here or abroad. In addition, there are many distinct shades for each value, some of which may be distinctive of certain printings; for instance in the 20pf, I have copies of Die A in a rather milky blue and also a rich Prussian blue, while the only copy of the value in Die B I possess, is in a gray-blue shade."

BECHUANALAND.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1sh King George stamp of Great Britain overprinted "Bechuanaland" reading up at the left and "Protectorate" reading down at the right, like Scott's No. 83. The 5sh King George stamp of Great Britain has been overprinted "Bechuanaland—Protectorate," in two lines.

GREECE.—Whitfield King & Co. show us the 20l type of 1911, lithographed.

JAMAICA.—The Sterling Stamp Co. has shown us the 4d on white backed paper.

Adhesive.

4d carmine and black on yellow tinted.

JAPAN.—We are indebted to the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. for specimens of the new stamps on granite watermarked paper. The 5y and 10y values must be added to the list given last week.

LUXEMBURG.—The Sterling Stamp Co. has shown us the four values of the new Grand Duchess stamps, recently chronicled.

Even's Weekly quotes *Die Post* as predicting an early change in the 10c value as the color does not conform to the rules of the Universal Postal Union. The first printing of this value was 250,000 copies.

MALTA.—The Sterling Stamp Co. has shown us the 6d and 2sh values in the new set. The 6d is in the Grenada type and the 2sh in the Nyasaland type.

Adhesives.

6d lilac and mauve.
2sh blue and lilac on blue.

MEXICO.—The Sterling Stamp Co. has shown us the new series of Constitutionalist stamps printed in Denver. As these have been offered to dealers direct from Denver, and in many cases the advertising circular was accompanied by sample sets, they are no longer a rarity. The manner of their distribution to the trade raises a grave question as to their status. Even the Seebecks were not available until after the prescribed year had expired, and the stamps were no longer good for postage. It would be interesting to see the terms of the contract between the Constitutionalist agents and the printers. "Little question for today:" Do the profits of the sale of stamps benefit Carranza's war chest? As a matter of record, we list the stamps, though they have no standing in the International mails, except by courtesy, or rather by the tolerance of post officials on this side of the line.

Adhesives.

Constitutionalist Provisionals.
1c light blue.
2c yellow green.
3c orange.
5c carmine.
10c carmine.
15c violet.
50c yellow.
1p purple.

Hermann Focke adds to the list of provisional overprints on the Federal stamps of Mexico for the benefit of the Constitutionalists: He sends "a pair of the 5c yellow of the Centenarian set of 1910, surcharged in violet in two lines 'Gobierno Consitucionalista' for use by the Constitutionalist authorities in Northern Mexico, or in this instance, of the City of Monterey. As may be expected, the maker of the rubber stamp used for this surcharge had his trouble with the word designating the name of the Government, and so he omitted the first 't' in Constitucionalista, making the surcharge read as above.

I understand that for each town occupied by the victorious bandits there is a different rubber-stamp surcharge, which in itself, I trust, will help to keep the stamps out of future catalogues, as happened with the many Ecuadorian surcharges of several years ago."

UNITED STATES

			Cat. price.	My price
* 29	1847	10c bluish (Wash'ton)	35.00	20.00
* 33	1851	3c dull red	1.50	.65
36		12c black	2.50	1.50
43	1857	3c rose, type I	.30	.15
* 47		5c brown, type I	25.00	12.00
* 48		5c orange brn.,type II	4.00	2.20
51		12c black	2.00	.95
* 63	1861	1c blue	.60	.30
67		5c buff	7.50	4.50
* 68		10c yellow green	2.50	1.25
69		12c black	.85	.40
71		30c orange	1.00	.60
72		90c blue	4.00	2.25
* 73	1862	2c black	.75	.40
75		5c red brown	3.50	2.00
76		5c brown	.85	.40
* 76a		5c black brown	15.00	8.00
* 77		15c black	10.00	5.00
* 78		24c lilac	4.00	2.50
89	1867	10c green	1.25	.60
91		15c black	3.00	1.40
92		1c blue	.85	.40
* 93		2c black	1.50	.75
* 94		3c red	1.25	.60
95		5c brown	5.00	2.50
98		15c black	1.25	.60
100		30c orange	4.00	2.00
*112	1869	1c buff	1.60	.90
112		1c buff	.85	.40
*113		2c brown	1.00	.50
*114		3c blue	.75	.37
115		6c blue	.85	.40
116		10c yellow	1.00	.60
117		12c green	1.00	.50
118		15c brown and blue	3.50	1.70
*119		15c brown and blue	6.00	3.00
119		15c brown and blue	1.50	.80
120		24c green and violet	5.00	3.00
121		30c blue and carmine	3.50	1.70
*122		90c black & carmine	40.00	25.00
*123	1875	1c buff	6.00	3.00
*133	1880	1c buff	1.50	.85
134	1870	1c ultra	.50	.22
144		90c carmine	7.50	3.70
*145	1870	1c ultra	3.50	1.70
*146		2c red brown	1.50	.70
*147		3c green	2.00	.87
*148		6c carmine	3.50	1.70
*149		7c vermilion	6.00	3.00
151		12c dull violet	.60	.28
*152		24c purple	12.50	6.50
153		"	1.50	.80
*155		90c carmine	15.00	7.00
155		"	1.50	.75
*156	1873	1c dark ultra	1.00	.45
*157		2c brown	1.50	.70
*158		3c green	1.00	.40
*159		6c dull pink	2.50	1.20
*160		7c orange vermilion	6.00	3.00
162		12c blackish violet	.60	.27
163		15c yellow orange	1.25	.60
165		30c gray black	.50	.30
166		90c rose carmine	2.50	1.25
*178	1875	2c vermilion	2.00	.90
*182	1879	1c ultra	1.00	.50
*184		3c green	.50	.22
*186		6c pink	3.00	1.50
*190		30c full black	2.00	1.00
*191		90c carmine	7.50	4.00
191		"	2.00	1.00
*208a	1882	6c brown red	2.00	1.00
*217	1888	30c orange brown	1.00	.55
*218		90c purple	4.00	2.00
218		"	2.00	1.20
*238	1893	15c dark green	.50	.24
242		$2 brown red	3.00	1.85
*260	1894	50c orange	2.00	1.00
*501		Agriculture 2c yellow	1.00	.40
*504		10c yellow	6.00	2.50
*506		15c yellow	3.50	1.50
*510		Executive 2c carmine	6.50	3.00
*511		3c violet rose	5.00	2.20
*512		6c carmine	15.00	7.00
*513		10c carmine	10.00	4.90
514		Interior 1c vermilion	.35	.15
*516		3c vermilion	.50	.20
*517		6c vermilion	.50	.22
*521		24c vermilion	1.00	.45
521		24c vermilion	.75	.34
523		90c vermilion	2.50	1.10
524		Justice 1c purple	1.50	.70
525		2c purple	3.00	1.25
526		3c purple	2.00	.90
527		6c purple	2.50	1.10
528		10c purple	2.50	1.10
*529		12c purple	3.00	1.25
529		"	2.00	.90
530		15c purple	5.00	2.10
531		24c purple	12.50	5.50
532		30c purple	15.00	6.95
533		90c purple	37.50	18.50
534		Navy 1c ultra	1.00	.40
535		2c ultra	1.00	.40
537		6c ultra	.50	.22
538		7c ultra	8.50	4.50
*539		10c ultra	2.50	1.10
539		"	1.75	.80
540		12c ultra	1.25	.60
541		15c ultra	2.25	1.00
542		24c ultra	4.00	1.80
*542		24c ultra	6.50	3.00
542		"	4.00	1.80
543		30c ultra	3.00	1.40
544		90c ultra	9.00	4.25
546		Post Office 1c black	.25	.10
547		2c black	.25	.10
550		10c black	1.00	.60
551		12c black	.75	.35
552		15c black	1.50	.70
553		24c black	.75	.35
554		30c black	.75	.35
555		90c black	1.50	.75
556		State 1c dark green	2.50	1.05
557		2c dark green	4.00	1.90
559		6c bright green	.60	.30
560		7c dark green	2.50	1.10
561		10c dark green	3.00	1.35
563		15c dark green	3.50	1.50
567		$2 green and black	20.00	10.00
571		Treasury 1c brown	1.00	.40
572		2c brown	.50	.22
575		7c brown	1.50	.70
579		24c brown	3.00	1.45
581		90c brown	.60	.25
587		War 10c rose	1.00	.40
588		12c rose	1.25	.50
589		15c rose	.35	.15
590		24c rose	.35	.15
591		30c rose	.50	.20
592		90c rose	.75	.35

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NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke submits a cover bearing specimens of the new ½c, 1c and 25c, as previously chronicled. He writes: On the same cover you will note a pair of the provisional ½c de Córdoba in red on the 3ctvs brown, Liberty, with surcharges inverted which appeared (one sheet of 100 copies only) at the Managua Post Office in March. Now that no further Cordoba provisionals are likely to appear—at least, for some time—it might be worth the while to give a full list of the entire issue, as known:

Liberty Set, Surcharge in Black.

½c on 1sh yellow.
  a error VALB for VALE.
  b Vale or parts of the word omitted.
1c on 3c brown.
1c on 4c claret.
1c on 50c ultramarine.
1c on 5p black.
2c on 4c claret.
2c on 20c brick red.
2c on 25c yellow green & black.
2c on 35c brown & green.
  a error 9131 for 1913.
2c on 50c ultramarine.
2c on 2p dark green.
  a error VALB.
  b VALE in part or entirely omitted.
3c on 6c bistre.

Engine Set, Black Surcharge.

1c on 3c yellow-brown.
1c on 4c wine red.
1c on 6c chocolate brown.
1c on 20c indigo.
1c on 25c green & black.
2c on 1c yellow green.
2c on 25c green & black.
5c on 35c brown and black.
5c on 50c olive green.
6c on 1p yellow.
10c on 2p brown.
1p on 5p blue green.

Liberty Set.

½c on 3c red surcharge.
½c on 3c carmine surcharge.
  a surcharge inverted.
½c on 15c violet, red surcharge.
½c on 15c carmine surcharge.

Engine Set.

½c on 2c vermilion, black surcharge.
½c on 15c on 35c brown & green, black surcharge.
1c on 15c on 35c brown & green, black surcharge.

4th issue, Official stamps with bar through word "OFICIAL," provisional surcharge in black:

1c on 25c.
1c on 35c.
  a error 0,10 instead of 0,01.
1c on 50c (this is an error, of which only 100 copies are known to exist).
1c on 1p.
2c on 20c.
2c on 50c.
2c on 2p.
5c on 5p.
5c on 1p surcharge in red, exists on one sheet of 100.

The three errors mentioned, of which only 100 copies exist, were all secured by one philatelist at Managua, who disposes of them at 200 times their face value, and should hardly be regarded as actually issued though they have been used for postage.

The 2c on 20c Oficial is no doubt very rare, and I have seen only two copies of the stamp.

The 2c on 25c green and black engine is also very rare, and is generally regarded an error, the stamp having been intended for surcharge of 1c de Cordoba.

Of the first issue only the 1c on 3c Liberty is scarce, the 2c on 20c Liberty, which at first did not often come on the mails, having become quite common later on, and still comes in strips of 5 on many letters requiring the double rate.

The error "VALE" missing in part or entirely has really been made to order, by letting a piece of paper or other obstacle "slip in" at the top of the first stamp of the sheet, where this error is found.

The error "0,10" for "0,01" on the 35c Oficial is very rare, as it was corrected immediately, and I have seen entire sheets, without it.

The three "medio (½) centavo" provisionals of the second issue are not at all common in used condition, as most of these were exported in sheets unused to dealers, in fact, were bought here fully six months before they came in on the mails. Mr. Focke abstains from minor varieties, such as defective and various-sized letters and numerals, as these belong into a specialized collection of Nicaragua.

ST. LUCIA.—From the Sterling Stamp Co. we have received the 2d King George stamp in the Grenada type.

Adhesive.

2d gray.

ST. VINCENT.—As announced in No. 1218, the 1sh King George stamp has been issued on white paper, and in a color different from the Colonial color scheme. The Sterling Stamp Co. and J. A. Galbraith have shown us the new stamps.

Adhesive.

1sh bistre.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The Hussman Stamp Co. informs us that the advertised account of Gearhart Frantz has been taken care of by Mr. Frantz and the same is withdrawn.

—The New York *Times* of Sunday, June 28, contained an article by L. A. Beebe with the title "No Valuable Stamps Go to Waste in New York."

—Henry Ades Fowler's first auction sale was an unqualified success and it introduced an important factor in the ranks of philatelic auctioneers. Mr. Fowler's second sale will be held under novel surroundings as will be seen when the details are announced later. Mr. Fowler's knowledge of stamps finds scope in the compilation of his catalogues. In passing, it is to be said that Mr. Fowler's new office is a handsomely appointed one.

—The convention of the United States Revenue Society will be held at Niagara Falls and W. G. Saxton, president, has appointed J. C. Hoffstetter of Eric, Pa., chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

—The marriage of Miss Selma Regenstein to Edward M. Rosenthal, our old friend and boon companion, took place at the home of the bride's mother in Chicago, on the evening of July 2nd. For over twenty years, we have anxiously watched over our protege to see that he did not stray from the path of philatelic rectitude and now with a smile that covers an aching heart, we turn him over to worthier hands.

—Among the prizes in the philatelic grab-bag at the last meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was an advertising lead pencil very generously contributed by the WEEKLY. No wonder that our envious contemporaries despair at matching this stupendous stroke of enterprise.

—We have seen the Vera Cruz postmark, "Jun. 15, 9 A. M., 1914," with the U. S. flag cancellation covering the Mexican stamps paying the postage to this country. Thus does our post office make the enemy salute the flag.

—Frank E. Goodwin of St. Louis, was a recent visitor to Chicago where he rotated among the stamp folk in quest of the key to unlock certain mysteries concerning the stamps of our native land.

—Warren H. Colson called on the editor recently to taunt him over the fact that he (Mr. Colson) was about to make his fifth or sixth trip to Europe. We have to stay at home all summer to chase the elusive sub.

THE Y ¼ OF THE SPANISH WEST INDIES.

By L. Hanciau.

Let us now endeavour to solve that very arduous question of the meaning and value of the overprint "Y ¼."

That sixth vowel of the alphabet was termed in ancient times the Pythagorean letter, because the disciples of Pythagoras employed it to demonstrate the moral inclinations of human life. Infancy was indicated by the foot of the letter, the roads of virtue and vice by the two branches. It seems unnecessary for us to pursue our inquiries in either of these directions.

In algebra this letter represents an unknown quantity, but this unknown does not appear to be of any use to us. In the trade the letter "Y" announces fixed prices, but this again cannot be the meaning we want. Finally it has been suggested that graceful fancy turned the letter "I" into a "Y."

We feel that the Post Office Department must have had other reasons than these, but what were they? This problem has often been discussed, but never absolutely solved; it has even furnished a subject for numerous articles, sometimes of an entertaining nature. Let us see what they say.

One writer suggested that the letter "Y" was a conventional sign, meaning *real,* but we are in a position to affirm that it is nothing of the kind. All the official documents that we have consulted, and they are many, show with surprising unanimity that the letter "R" was the abbreviation for *real:* a fiscal stamp of the value of 2 *pesos,* for inland passports, which has been shown us, bears this letter "Y." (punctuated) above a Roman numeral "II." It is evident that the "Y" cannot signify *real* when it occurs upon a postage stamp and *peso* upon a fiscal. Therefore this theory will not do.

"Y," in Spanish, means "and." That, in our opinion, is the true interpretation that should have been given to this letter; for, as the stamp, which had the value of two reales, has not got the indication of value crossed out, the surcharge should be regarded as an addition to that value, which would thus become "2 reales *and* ¼." But the official documents that we have read entirely contradict this, and show that the value of the stamp was "¼ real," leaving our letter "Y" still unexplained.

According to others, the letter "Y" was the initial of "Ysabella." written thus because the name was spelt indifferently with "I" or "Y," and because by reverting to the ancient spelling the possibility was obviated of a letter "I" being mistaken for a figure "1," which would have made the surcharge appear to be "1¼," and so have caused a difficulty.

On re-examining the three or four hundred decrees that have passed through our hands, we have found some evidence, very little it is true, to show that the "Y" certainly was still employed in the place of the "I." The following are the only two instances that we have discovered:—

First, a letter from the Director-General of Posts, Narciso de Torre Marin, addressed to the Governor, dated September 26, 1855, and ending thus, as we have already noted (page 335, Vol. XIX)—"Al Excelentisimo Sr. Capitan General Subdelagado General del ramo de Correos de esta Ysla."

And this other, of the 13th November, 1855, signed—"José de la Concha," commencing "Excmo Sr.—He dado los ordenas oportunas a la yntendancia general."

The employment of the letter "Y" for "I," in 1855, is thus fully proved. But why should it have been printed on the stamps? Because it was to Queen Ysabella that Havana was indebted for the establishment of a local post, has been put forward as a reason. It seems a very ingenious idea; but did Queen Isabella ever know anything about a post having been inaugurated at Havana on the occasion of her birthday? It is at least permissible to doubt it. To begin with, the initiative was due to the Director-General of Posts, who laid his proposal before the Governor on the 19th of April, 1855, and owing to the indifference of the said Governor, the following November arrived before anything was done. It is quite possible that the opportunity may have been taken, when so favourable an occasion arose, to give the credit of the innovation to their much-loved Queen; but we have an idea, though we may be mistaken, that the establishment of Posts was the last thing that Her Majesty was troubling about.

We do not believe that it ever entered the head of the Director-General of Posts to put the initial of "Isabella" on the stamps for the local post. If it were the case, we might also assign the same origin to the initial printed on the Fiscal stamp for passports, which we referred to above, and this would place Her Majesty in a singular position; it would commemorate the fact that the Queen, in her infinite wisdom, had been graciously pleased to consent to the imposition of a new tax upon her faithful Cubans, already crippled and overwhelmed with benefits of the same nature!

Another version would have it that the "Y" should be translated as "Ynterino," that is *interim* or *provisional.* But if that were so, the provisional nature of the stamp might have been far more plainly indicated by the letter "P," which would have been preferable in every way to an incomprehensible "Y." But this word "provisional," to what did it apply? To the stamp? It was in use from 1855 to 1862, and therefore was not provisional at all. Was it the rate that was thus termed? This was so little "provisional" that it remained the same down to 1898, if we are rightly informed.

It would be equally reasonable to suggest that the "Y" stood for "Ydeal," in reference to the "very low rate" of postage, mentioned in the Postal Notice of the 15th November, 1855.

What we regard as a more serious interpretation of the letter "Y" is that which makes it the initial of "Ynterior," although that interpretation will not stand close examination:—

Firstly, it is a rule that an initial should be punctuated;

Secondly, without punctuation the letter "y" means "and";

Thirdly, admitting the ancient spelling, we would ask whether the word "ynterior" applies to the town or to the island;

Fourthly, "y" might stand for "ysla" quite as well as for "ynterior," and as the rates were not the same, it seems to us that the authorities would not have attempted to create confusion between them;

Fifthly, why should the ancient spelling have been adopted for use upon the stamps, and never in the official documents, even in those in which the surcharge "Y ¼" was mentioned? Surely that was, if ever, the time to write "ynterior";

Sixthly, if it was absolutely necessary to indicate to the public the use to be made of the ¼ real stamp by means of the letter "Y," we cannot understand why the official documents say nothing about it, and why this overprinting with the letter was not extended to other values;

Seventhly, instead of a letter "Y," would it not have been simpler to make use of the letters "IN," which could not have raised any question?

All things considered, we do not believe that this famous letter "Y" was of any significance at all, and that it was placed there without any object, or any meaning; and we are completely in agreement with the late Sr. Maureno when he wrote to *Le Timbre-Poste,* on the 25th October, 1876, as follows:—

"Nothing was published about the surcharge upon the stamps, that is to say about the 'Y ¼.' It was a private step taken by the Government, which did not concern the public, except in so far as the stamps were employed for the value indicated of ¼ real fuerte.

"I was at Havana during that period (May, 1855, to April, 1862); I saw those stamps used and I used them myself. I can therefore say like St. Thomas, 'I have seen and touched.'

"They were sold at the rate of four for one real fuerte; they only served for the franking of local correspondence in Havana.

"Those of 1857 were still in use when I left the island in April, 1862."

Other correspondents from Cuba, whom we have questioned, know no more than Sr. Maureno, and could only give us their personal opinion on the subject, which was to the effect that, at the time of the use of those stamps no one troubled about the letter "Y" and no one knows now what it meant.

We have only now to relate what we have learned from fresh research. A lucky chance has told us all that there is to be told; mere chance, which so often guides us in the right direction, attracted our attention to the manner in which the date was given on certain decrees. After the word "Havana" and before the name of the month was inserted a "y." For what reason we cannot say, as we have never seen this use of the letter in any of the three or four hundred decrees of Spain that we have examined, although written, of course, in the same language. Having communicated what we had discovered to various persons, natives of Spain or others to whom the language is familiar, they were only able to confirm the opinion that we had formed, namely that the use of this letter in certain cases is entirely local, conventional, and official, as we shall see by the examples quoted below; and finally, that in the case in question this letter "Y" would have, we are told, no signification in Spanish. It was, however, pointed out to us that the letter "y" might well be in these instances the abbreviation of the word "ynterior," indicating that the decree was dated in the *interior* or *town* of Havana. But unfortunately this mysterious letter "y" is always in small type in these decrees, and is never punctuated as an abbreviation should always be. We set aside for the moment these discrepancies, which are always to be noted when the "y" is employed, and it seems to us most improbable that any one could or would have dated the decrees at "Havana, town," the seat of government having never been anywhere else than at Havana itself, never in the country or in any of the suburbs, each of which had a name of its own. For this very reason all the decrees are dated at Havana, which could admit of no question as to their place of origin. This suggestion, therefore, seems to us altogether inadmissible.

Returning to our discovery. This is how the Director-General, Narciso de Torre Marin, dates his decree of the 15th November, 1855:—

"Habana y Noviembre 15 de 1855."

Other similar officials did the same:—

"Habana y Enero 21 de 1856," signed "Concha,"

"Habana y Setiembre 19 de 1858," signed "Carlos Blake."

"Habana y Febrero 15 de 1887," signed "Marques de Gaviria."

We could give plenty of other examples, but these show plainly enough, by the various dates and signatures, that there was a consistent use of this letter. But what did it mean? Nothing, in our opinion, for there was no object in it, and it is always as inexplicable as upon the stamps. It was a fancy, of apparently a purely Cuban origin.

We therefore feel justified in closing this discussion, and troubling ourselves no more about this mysterious letter, which has so greatly puzzled and which perhaps will continue to puzzle everybody; and when used in positions in which it has no apparent meaning, we can only say "Why?" — *Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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THE SECOND ISSUE.

Whilst the first Saxon stamp had been designed and issued without much care or fuss, many and deep were the deliberations before the permanent issue was decided upon. Various methods of production were examined and considered; wood engraving was objected to, and line engraving was considered too expensive. Numerous essays were submitted by Hirschfeld and others and those of Hirschfeld met with approval. Before, however, he received the order the firm of C. C. Meinhold and Sons, of Dresden, a firm well known for the production of engravings by the glyphographic process, made a proposal which was accepted by the authorities. Hirschfeld's design for the neu-groschen values was, therefore, handed to the Meinholds and the only order Hirschfeld received was that for printing the 3 pfennige stamps. The 3pf value was again intended for printed matter but it now represented the rate within the entire German-Austrian Postal Union—this was the main reason for the change of design for this denomination. The ½ neugroschen was intended for local letters; the 1ngr for letters sent less than 10 miles within the Postal Union; the 2ngr for letters between 10 and 20 miles; and the 3ngr for letters beyond 20 miles.

The design for the 3 pfennige shows the Arms of Saxony on a shield surmounted by a crown within an oval of solid color. On a scroll at top is "SACHSEN" and on a similar scroll at base is "Drei Pfennige." Numerals of value, within small circles, are shown at the sides and the spaces are filled with scroll ornamentation. The whole is enclosed within a narrow rectangular frame. This stamp was printed in sheets of 120, the plate being composed of casts taken in type-metal from the original die. The stamps were placed so closely together that specimens with good margins are very difficult to obtain. The neugroschen values are all alike in design and show a profile portrait of King Frederic Augustus II, with head to right, on a solid colored ground within an oval. The inscriptions are similar to those of the 3pf except that the lower one is "Neu-Grosch.", separated by the numeral of value. Numerals are also placed at the sides and all four values were printed in sheets of 120. The early supplies of all values were delivered by the printers in strips of ten for some reason or other. Usually the sheets were sub-divided horizontally, but in some cases the strips were cut vertically.

The 3 pfennige exists in two distinct shades—blue or dark green and yellow green. The colors of the papers for the various neu-groschen values also show some variation and in dealing with this matter I cannot do better than quote from an excellent article in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, written by Mr. D. C. Gary in December, 1908:—

The ½ neu-groschen may be found on paper varying from almost white to bluish grey, the bluish shades being the scarcer. The paper of the 1 neu-groschen is sometimes deep and sometimes quite pale rose; that of the 3 neu-groschen varies from very deep to quite pale yellow; while the 2 neu-groschen appears printed on pale blue and very dark blue paper. Some of the shades of the ½, 1, and 3 neu-groschen may be due to fading, although, considering the large numbers of printings which took place a variation in the colour of the papers used is not surprising. The change of the 2 neu-groschen from pale to very dark blue, however, was certainly not accidental, but was due to definite instructions given to the printers by the postal authorities in 1852.

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groschen, 5,100,000; 1 neu-groschen, 5,700,000; 2 neu-groschen, light blue, 700,000; 2 neu-groschen dark blue, 1,500,000; and 3 neu-groschen, 2,350,000. There were twenty-four printings of the 3 pfennige; seventeen of the ½ and 1 neu-groschen, and sixteen of the 2 and 3 neu-groschen.

By far the rarest stamp of Saxony is, of course, the ½ neu-groschen printed in error on the pale blue paper of the 2 neu-groschen. The existence of this error seems to have been quite unknown until Dr. Kloss published his "History of the Stamps of the Kingdom of Saxony" in 1883 or 1884. According to Dr. Kloss "On August 22nd, 1851, the Post-office at Leipzig informed the G. P. O. at Dresden, that they had found a quantity of stamps among the 2ngr blue which had, instead of '2 Neugroschen,' the inscription '½ neugroschen' although printed in the correct color of the 2ngr stamps, viz., blue. On referring to the printers' statement it was found that only 120 stamps were printed in this color by mistake, 63 of these were sold over the counter before the mistake was found out, the remaining 57 were returned to the G. P. O. at Dresden." There is little doubt that the 63 stamps which were sold to the public, were sold as 2ngr stamps, whose color they bore, and they were used as such.

It appears the Post-office sold the errors singly and in strips of ten and when they discovered the mistake the purchasers were written to and asked to return the stamps as any letters franked with them might possibly be treated as unpaid by other offices. When Dr. Kloss made his notes public the hunt for the errors began and some of the firms written to by the Leipzig post-office in 1851 were hunted out. This resulted in the discovery of one of the letters written by the Post-office with an unused strip of ten of the errors pinned to it. Due to the forgetfulness of a clerk this letter was never returned to the postal authorities! Herr Blauhuth, of Leipzig, secured this strip, and for ten years these were the only copies known. The owner first sold a pair, inlcuding the one spoiled by the pin-holes, for $37.50, while his last copy realised $300. The 57 errors which were returned to Dresden should have been destroyed but, in 1891, 24 of the stamps were found in an envelope pinned to an old document relating to the former postal accounts in the Department of Finance, Dresden. What became of the other 33 is a mystery which will probably never be solved—most likely they were destroyed as was originally intended. These errors were included in a set of so-called "essays" put on the market by the Saxon Government at 75c each. The history of the error had been forgotten by the officials but not by collectors and consequently the sets sold like the proverbial hot cakes. Most of these 24 errors were single copies but in the lot was one strip of five and one block of four, the latter eventually passing into the famous Mann collection. But though this error is one of the great rarities unused it is even scarcer used. There is a pair in the Tapling collection, another pair in a German collection, and a few single copies are known.





Reference List.

1851. No. wmk. Imperf.
2. 3 pfennige green, Scott's Nos. 2 or 2a.
3. ½ neu-groschen, black on grey, Scott's No. 3.
4. 1 neu-groschen, black on rose, Scott's No. 5.
5. 2 neu-groschen, black on blue, Scott's Nos. 6 or 7.
6. 3 neu-groschen, black on yellow, Scott's No. 8.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

The death of King Frederic Augustus II on August 9th, 1854, and accession of his brother John, made a change in the portrait stamps necessary. As the 3 pfennige value bore the Arms of the kingdom it was not deemed necessary to make any change in these and they continued to be printed by Hirschfeld. The other values of ½, 1, 2 and 3 neu-groschen were manufactured by Meinhold and Sons. Little alteration was made in the framework but in the centre the portrait of King John superseded that of his predecessor. The profile is shown to the left instead of to the right as on the 1851 stamps. The new stamps were all ready by the end of 1854 but they were not placed on sale until about August, 1855. The stamps were printed in black on colored papers as before, but a change was made in the size of the plates which now consisted of 100 instead of 120 subjects. In 1856, 5 and 10 neu-groschen stamps were added to the set as it was found desirable to have some higher values for use on letters sent beyond the confines of the German-Austrian Postal Union. These two stamps were printed in color on white paper like the 3pf denomination. More than one plate was used for some of the values and some of these show variations in the size and shape of the numerals in the small ovals at the sides. These differences are particularly noticeable in the ½ and 1 neu-groschen. How many plates were used altogether is not known but when Messrs. Meinhold and Sons lost the printing contract in 1863 they sent to the Dresden Post-office the original dies of the six values, together with four reliefs and five printing plates of the ½ngr, two reliefs and five printing plates of the 1ngr, two reliefs and three printing plates of each of the 2ngr and 5ngr, and one relief and two printing plates of the 10ngr. The plates of the 3ngr do not appear to have been sent at that time and no official record of their receipt at a later date has been found.

Shades are numerous and again I cannot do better than quote Mr. Gray on this subject, viz:—

All the stamps of this set vary considerably in shade, as is only to be expected in the case of a long-lived series. The following are the principal variations:—

½ neu-groschen, black on pearl grey, grey, lilac grey, jet-black on grey.
1 neu-gr, deep rose, rose, pale rose.
2 " blue, deep blue, greenish blue.
3 " deep yellow, yellow, pale yellow.
5 " pale red, russet brown, red brown, vermilion.
10 " blue, deep blue.

Some of the shades of the ½ neu-groschen are much scarcer than others; the greenish blue shade of the 2 neu-groschen is scarce used, though common unused, and the russet brown 5 neu-groschen is very scarce. Apparently this color was used by mistake, and though some of the stamps printed in this shade were issued, the printer was compelled to supply others instead, printed in the proper color, and the balance of the russet-brown stamps were destroyed by the postal authorities. (There were 100,000 of

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these errors, of which 62,200 were sold according to Mr. Westoby though, as will be seen below, Mr. Gray puts the number at 4,000 more).

The 5 neu-groschen is found on thick and on thin paper and is also known double printed (an uncatalogued variety). For the first printing of the 10 neu-groschen stamps thinner paper was used than for the two later printings. The quantities printed of these stamps were as follows:—

½	neu-groschen,		17,705,000
1	"	"	17,345,000
2	"	"	5,980,000
3	"	"	7,880,000
5	"	" (vermilion and pale red),	200,000
5	"	" russet brown,	66,200
5	"	" (red brown),	823,800
10	"	"	250,000

There were twenty-four printings of the ½, 1, 2 and 3 neu-groschen stamps, one of the russet brown 5 neu-groschen and three of the 10 neu-groschen. The number of printings of the other shades of the 5 neu-groschen seems not to be ascertainable.



Reference List.

1855-56. No wmk. Imperf.

7. ½ngr black on gray, Scott's No. 9.
8. 1ngr black on rose, Scott's No. 10.
9. 2ngr black on blue, Scott's Nos. 11 or 11a.
10. 3ngr black on yellow, Scott's No. 12.
11. 5ngr red, Scott's Nos.13, 13a, 13b, 13c.
12. 10ngr blue, Scott's Nos. 14 or 14a.

THE FOURTH ISSUE.

In March, 1861, the Prussian postal administration drew the attention of the other members of the German-Austrian Postal Union to the confusion which existed owing to the lack of uniformity in the colors adopted for stamps of corresponding values in the various States. It was suggested that all stamps of similar value, whether that value was expressed in schilling, grote, groschen or kreuzer, should be printed in the same color. These proposals met with general approval, as we have already shown in considering the stamps of other States, and Saxony began preparations for a new issue. It had been decided to change the color of the 3ngr and 5ngr stamps to black on brown and black on yellow respectively, when the appearance of the new Prussian stamps caused Saxony to reconsider its plans. The new Prussian stamps, conforming to the new color scheme, were all printed in color on white paper and the Saxon postal authorities, upon investigating the matter, decided to adopt the same principle and retire the colored papers in favor of stamps printed in color on white. Designs for the new series were invited from engravers but only four firms competed—Hirschfeld, Meinhold and Sons, and Blockman and Son, of Dresden, and Giesecke and Devrient of Leipzig. The contract was awarded to the last named firm and the *taille-douce* process was abandoned for the cheaper method of typography. The design consisted of the Arms of Saxony in colorless embossing within an upright oval engine-turned band with a scalloped outer edge. On the upper part of the band the name "SACHSEN" is shown, on the lower portion is the denomination and in the sides and below the Arms are oval discs containing the numerals of value. These are in color on a plain ground at the sides and in white on a ground of solid color below the Arms. The 3 pfennige and ½ neu-groschen values differ from the others in being enclosed within a rectangular frame in which the numerals of value are again shown in each of the spandrels.

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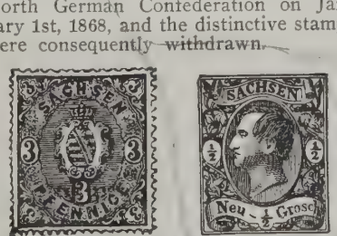
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The advent of the new issue was notified by a circular issued from Leipzig on June 19th, 1863, and the stamps were placed on sale on July 1st following. The denominations were the same as before except that the 10 neu-groschen was omitted, owing to the small use made of that value. The stamps were printed in sheets of 100 and perforation was introduced for the first time, the gauge being 13. There are pronounced shades of all values and though Scott gives but two for each denomination (three for the 5ngr). Gibbons lists two for the 3 pfennige, three each for the ½, 1, 2, and 3 neu-groschen, and five for the 5 neu-groschen. Specialists extend the list still further, especially in the case of the two lowest values.

In 1867 complaints were made of the varying colors of the 5 neu-groschen, and the contractors printed some in a reddish lilac shade in which there would be fewer variations. These stamps were objected to, however, as resembling the 1ngr too closely and they were not put on sale. Finally a greyish shade of lilac was adopted. Mr. D. C. Gray tells us that the quantities printed and number of printings were as follows:—"There were fifteen printings of the 5 neu-groschen, sixteen of the 2 neu-groschen, and seventeen of each of the remaining values. The quantities printed of these stamps were as follows:—3 pfennige, 10,850,000; ½ neu-groschen, 17,100,000; 1 neu-groschen, 15,175,000; 2 neu-groschen, 4,870,000; 3 neu-groschen, 5,870,000; 5 neu-groschen, 950,000; 5 neu-groschen (grey, and grey-lilac shades), 250,000."

The 1 neu-groschen is known imperforate vertically, and the 3pf, ½, 1 and 2 neu-groschen are known entirely imperforate.

The post office of Saxony was included in the post office system of the North German Confederation on January 1st, 1868, and the distinctive stamps were consequently withdrawn.



Reference List.

1863. Arms in centre embossed. Perf. 13.

13. 3pf green, Scott's Nos. 15 or 15a.
14. ½ngr orange, Scott's Nos. 16 or 16a.
15. 1ngr rose, Scott's Nos. 17 or 17a.
16. 2ngr blue, Scott's Nos. 18 or 18a.
17. 3ngr brown, Scott's Nos. 19 or 19a.
18. 5ngr violet or grey-blue, Scott's Nos. 20, 20a or 21.

REMAINDERS.

At the time Saxony joined the North German Confederation there were large remainders of some of the values of the 1863 issues and smaller lots of all values of 1856 and the 3pf of 1851. The Government made no attempt to dispose of these in one parcel, as was done by other German States, but offered the earlier issues at so much per stamp and the 1863 issue at a few marks per 500 stamps. No information seems to have been published as to the numbers available but as late as 1890 all but the 10ngr were obtainable at very low figures, though the 10ngr was quoted at 15 marks. In 1899 the prices were advanced and the stamps were then offered as follows:—

3pf of 1851, 15 marks
1ngr of 1856, 1 "
2ngr of 1856, 2 "
3ngr of 1856, 3 "
5ngr of 1856, 10 "

None of the ½ and 10 neu-groschen were then available and the only value of the 1863 series offered was the ½ngr which was quoted at 6 marks per 500 stamps.

CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH.

TO THE EDITOR:—

I note in your issue for June 27th a paragraph signed by Mr. Aug. Dietz as follows: "Upon inquiry in the matter am advised by my correspondent in Sonora, that the announced Transitorio Constitutionalista stamps surcharged 'Victoria de la Torreon' and date are of a private, speculative origin, and never authorized by either the Constitutionalist Government or the postal authorities at the place."

Now, sir, I think before publication of such a "positive" statement a little reliable evidence should be adduced. I believe I am the only dealer who has offered these provisionals in the WEEKLY and I strongly protest against the absolutely ridiculous statements made by Mr. Dietz. It is purely and simply a case of "sour grapes" because Mr. Dietz and his "well-informed" correspondent were not fortunate enough to obtain any of the provisionals.

To start with the stamps were never issued at Torreon and they were assuredly issued by the postmaster with the sanction and authorization of the chief of the Constitutionalists at Juarez. Carranza went through this town on April 4th, two days after his big victory at Torreon, and the day was not only observed as a fête day but these special stamps were issued to commemorate the victory. But for the fact that an American collector happened to call at the Juarez post office that day the provisionals might never have been heard of. Most of those sold were used by Mexicans on letters and cards sent to other parts of Sonora and these will probably never turn up.

The value of Mr. Dietz's information may be judged by a statement he made to me in a recent letter regarding the "G. C. M" stamps viz:—"Have you any of the Federal Mexican stamps overprinted with a script monogram G. C. M —captured by Villa's forces at Torreon?"

Considering there have been and probably still are large supplies of the Federal stamps in all the Constitutionalist post-offices the use of the overprinted ones is hardly a "capture". The rebels have had to use Federal stamps all along for foreign mail and those now surcharged are simply a temporary issue owing to a shortage of the low values of the regular rebel set in certain towns. I have not yet seen those with the Torreon cancellation and find none have been seen at Juarez and other nearby places yet.

B. W. H. POOLE,
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—Hugh C. Barr of Buffalo is not contemplating a trip to Europe just at present; he is spending his vacation arranging for the entertainment of the delegates to the Niagara Falls convention. The doctor will order the aforesaid trip after it is all over, no doubt.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Ninety And Seven—We have received a letter that has made a profound impression on us and we know that readers will be greatly interested in the following communication from Dr. Jesse C. Green of West Chester, Pennsylvania, dated July 4th, 1914: "Respected Friend:—I have read with much interest the record of E. P. Morehouse and think it quite remarkable for such a young man. When I was just about his age I was in full dental practice, held treasurerships and other official positions and had been one of the longest in service as a government observer; and started to ride a bicycle. Most of these positions I have held up to this year, including the saddle of the bicycle. I expect to enter my ninety-eighth year just before next Christmas. I have been a collector approximately for forty years but I have not been a subscriber to the WEEKLY so long as that, of course. You might call E. P. Morehouse one of your young patrons and then send the stamp to me as the elderly collector. I enclose an article from the Philadelphia *Ledger* of March 16, 1914. Very truly thine, Jesse C. Green." An article that appeared in the Public *Ledger* of March 16, 1914, has the headings: "Dr. Green Active in His 97th Year.—West Chester's 'Grand Old Man,' Still Rides Bicycle and Does Dental Work after Many Busy Years." A picture of Dr. Green accompanies the text. We learn that Dr. Green was born in West Chester County, Pa., December 13th, 1817, one of his paternal ancestors having emigrated to America from England in 1686 and settled in Delaware County, Pa. In 1842, Doctor Green "then a teacher in the schools of Chester County (and one of the first under the common school law of the state), started to study dentistry." Doctor Green is interested not only in stamps but also coins and books. He has a penchant for almanacs and possesses some that are dated so early as 1505; and from 1740 to the present he has an unbroken line. Interested in astronomy, Dr. Green in 1838 began to take observations of the weather and in 1855, he became an observer for the Smithsonian Institute; and he still makes three observations of the weather daily. For sixty-six years, Doctor Green has been an active member of the First West Chester Fire Company and recently, he was nominated for his 67th term as treasurer of the company. At the age of seventy-nine years, Doctor Green learned to ride a bicycle and "already has worn out two bicycles." The Public *Ledger* closes its account: "He still enjoys living and his physical condition and mental strength to-day are such that he expects several more years of activity. No one has ever heard him use a harsh word. His nature is kindly in the extreme and his pleasant and winsome smile is always in evidence." Dr. Green is an inspiration to us as we contemplate the record of his wonderful career, so full of beneficient activities, we are animated by a spirit of veneration. Philately is proud to claim Doctor Green as a friend.

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The Torreon Stamps—The note in the News Gleanings of the issue of June 27th, attacking the philatelic validity of the Torreon celebration stamps issued by the Mexican constitutionalists has occasioned the well-known "storm of protest." Our columns elsewhere bear testimony to the alacrity and emphasis with which the derogation has been refuted. Mr. A. W. Foster, El Paso, Texas, was so kind as to send us the following official notice: "We the undersigned do solemnly swear that the postage stamps surcharged 'Victoria de Torreón 2 Abril 1914' and sold by this post office on April 4th was by agreement of the Minister of Communications of the Constitutionalist Gobernment, Senor Ingeniero Ignacio Bonillas and the Post Office Inspector in the State of Chihuahua of the same Gobernment, Senor Eusebio Garcia Martinez who was in this city at that time. (Signed) Pauciano Cota, Postmaster, C. Juárez, July 2nd, 1914. Humberto Vargas, First Official, (Post Master Assistant)." The seal of the Administration de Correos, Cuidad Juárez, Chih., is impressed on this document, which we have copied from the original. Mr. Foster says that this letter from the Postmaster of Juarez speaks for itself. Judging from the fact that Carranza and many members of his staff were in Juarez at the time, it would have been a serious undertaking for the postmaster to have surcharged the stamps without authorization; and we believe finally that the postmaster and his clerk would not have attached their names to the document if their position was not a sound one.

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And So Forth—In another column, Mr. Linn tells how it happened in all probability that an erroneous report, in effect, reached Mr. Dietz' ears; and if the explanation is a proper one, the circumstances were such that our correspondent had a basis for his report. Of course, it would be highly desirable if we were in a position to verify every item that was published but we are not; and so it is our policy to present information when it is submitted in good faith, as we believe, by those who seem to be in a position to speak with some authority. Mistakes do occur but usually there is some explanation to show that they were natural ones; and full correction is made so soon as possible.

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Society Chat—Chicago Branch, Number One, American Philatelic Society, has endorsed San Francisco, as the place of the 1915 convention; and also, the directors for the ensuing year as nominated by the Detroit Branch. P. M. Wolsieffer was recommended to the board of directors for reappointment as Sales Superintendent. We understand that San Francisco will have a representative at the Niagara convention who will present an engrossed invitation on behalf of his city. So far as we have heard, no other city has formally entered the lists against San Francisco. To those who have informed us that H. G. Smith, one of the San Francisco nominees for Vice-President is no longer a member of the society, it is to be said that Mr. Smith rejoined the society some time ago and in consequence is eligible for office.

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Good—The summer season has no terrors for the ardent philatelists of Schenectady, New York, and if they organize the Schenectady Stamp Society, we are sure the lilting, alliterative name will be on many a collector's tongue before long. The following call has been issued: A meeting for the organization of a Stamp Collectors' Club in Schenectady will be held Tuesday evening, July 21st, 8 P. M., at the residence of W. B. Gibson, 404 Brandywine Avenue, Schenectady, New York. All collectors in the vicinity of Albany, Troy and Schenectady are respectfully invited to attend. The organizers are Paul W. Reidell, Wm. B. Gibson and H. R. Stiles, who will be pleased to answer all inquiries directed to them.

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Severe Loss—Elsewhere is a newspaper account of the disastrous fire that destroyed Cortright Hall, near St. Louis, the home of Mr. C. H. Mekeel. The destruction of the mansion was complete and we fear that many philatelic effects were lost in the flames. Mr. Mekeel has our sympathy on his misfortune and we trust that in good time he will rally from the effects of the visitation.

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I don't just happen to be able to place "Bill Bloss" from his *nom du guerre*, but I'm pretty sure he has a long head and is suffering from an aggravated attack of evanescent correspondents and uncollectible accounts. Anyhow his text is a good one, only someone ought to come out in the open and say what a "dealer" is, and why it should be a society or association of "dealers" to the exclusion of others. Bill didn't say it should be, but let's start with this.

Suppose Bill says a "dealer" is a guy that makes his bread dealing in stamps. Well and good; but is he? I can name a dozen amateurs whose turnover, purchases and sales yearly show a deal more capital than dozens of "dealers," and who are just as interested in catching crooks, and collecting from forgetful creditors. The B. P. S. has a half dozen of this stamp, fully that. Then there are the professionals that have no place of business beyond the hat hook in the hall. There are some few of them, and they are the ones that save the lives of a lot of us when it comes to the ability to deliver the goods, and combine the delivery with a fair price and quality.

Every man's mail will find him, you say? Truly, but while the postman may get the mail to some "dealers" you would have a hard time finding them if you're making collections on foot.

Again is Bill or any other guy capable or able to differentiate between the real "dealer" and the beginner that is sending out his first penny approvals? The "ads" all look alike in the WEEKLY. I believe Bill is all right in his mind, but off in his deductions. Other lines found long ago that the "Association" as a collecting bureau and information source did not work out to the end it ought to. It resulted in the big fellow getting the service and the little fellow paying most of the bills, because volume of demand assured service to correspond and the little fellow's single letter gets lost in the shuffle. Some such "Associations" have turned out to be a bully good job for the fellow that started the thing, or the man that pulled the Secretarial position, and all the other members have annually "coughed" up to keep the thing alive, with no other great results.

Mind, I don't say Bill is hunting a job.

Then these things work out other ways, even if the Interstate Commerce Commission don't nail them for infractions of law.

The big fellows want a black list, and have it. If they want a thing they get it. The black list works two ways, and if a man is sharp he can protect himself and keep custom by telling his fellow members a man is N. G. and continuing to sell him on the quiet. (This has been done). The big user of the bureau wants a detailed report of the situation of some guy in Squaw Holler, N. M. and he whines about it till someone goes in person, and while the report is on the way, the titman of the litter asks for a report on some "reglar" in N. Y. C. and gets one that is of the vintage of '73 and about as valuable as a handful of Seebecks.

It works out bully. Moreover the big fellow sort of sees to it that the Secretary and his minions take care of him, and if they don't, the annual gets packed and the big ones hire a man that can see holes in a ladder.

No, Mr. Severn, Bill is wrong. What the stamp trade wants is a domestic agency. He quotes Trowles, Toronto, service. Good. Get Trowles to start a branch or branches in the States. Almost every trading branch of business has an agency. The Typo for the printers, the Iron & Steel Board of Trade for the hardware men, and so on through to the end where loom up Bradstreet's and Dun's, to say nothing of their corresponding branches abroad. Let the stamp trade assure some wide-awake agency that they mean business, and there will be little difficulty in getting a reliable collection service, that will answer every call.

As for the foreshadowed milennium as regards prices and the accumulation of news &c, it sounds too good to be true. It is. "In my saner moments," as friend wife says, I am a member of the largest organization in the country, whose end and aim is to help its members to similar information. Does it do it? No, not so that it is noticeable. Why? Well it's a long story, but the real reason is that it is too much work for the overpaid and underworked officials, and they devote their job to the much more satisfactory work of keeping the majority of proxies and the majority of the directors conned into believing that they are the only ones that can run the thing.

Tell Bill that if he will show me a Board of Trade, or a Chamber of Horrors, (excuse me, Commerce) or a Manufacturers' Association, or a trade association of any kind that really *works*, I'll buy him a new hat. A "reglar" one.

It is "agin" nature. To do real business, a concern must be a business one, and its help (I wrote HELP) must hold their job by the amount of goods they really deliver, and not by the favoritism of a clique, or by fooling a majority of the smaller members. It must be free from graft, free from self interest in the line it reports on, free from the ownership of the trade interested. A dealer should be a subscriber only, and all should be treated alike. It can't be done unless these things are included in the scheme.

And it ought not to try to publish a catalog. That is the business of the people that have something to sell. What good is it anyhow? Every dealer is looking for the one that quotes the highest prices, and he uses it in his own way.

And it's up to you and me, Bill, to keep our eyes open and make the killing at the "psychological" moment. Even if your association was in a real thing do you suppose it could prevent the wise ones from making a "clean-up" about once in so often? Nix. The clean-ups would come oftener, and the list would be reduced from several, to the ones in the governing ring.

Remember, Bill, a "gentlemen's agreement" always turns out to have some guy in the bunch that can't be called a "gentleman," no matter how you write it, and he will be the one to profit.

"BUYER."

LET US ALL GO.

The following persons expect to attend the convention of the American Philatelic Society, at Niagara Falls, New York, beginning August 11th, 1914. Are you going? If so, we shall place your name on the list next week.

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Cortright Hall, the home of Charles H. Mekeel on Natural Bridge road, four miles west of Suburban Garden, St. Louis County, was destroyed by fire at 7 o'clock last night, while Mekeel and his son, Charles, Jr., watched the flames, powerless to fight them because of lack of water supply. The loss is $35,000.

The home contained twenty-three rooms. It was built of brick and was three stories high, and the peculiar style of architecture made it one of the show places of St. Louis County. It was built about nine years ago, and there was little insurance.

Yesterday afternoon Mekeel's son burned rubbish in the furnace. He then went out on the lawn in front of the house and joined his father in reading the paners, the other members of the family being away.

Flames bursting from the windows on the east side of the house gave the first intimation to Mekeel and his son that the building was on fire. Realizing that to call a St. Louis fire company would have been futile, since there is no water supply, they could do nothing but watch the home burn.—St. Louis *Republic*, July 6.

LINN SPEAKS.

DEAR MR. SEVERN:—

I just noticed clipping by Aug. Dietz in the WEEKLY regarding Torreon being of private-speculative-origin.

I of course don't know for sure, but believe Mr. Dietz' informant was a gentleman who heard about them and spoke to the Postmaster at Nogales. The postmaster told him when any changes were made or new stamps issued that all offices were notified. Not receiving such a notice at the Nogales office, the P. M. concluded there "wasn't any such animal" officially. However, the fact remains that the stamps were issued and used and are really O. K. But on the whole they come nearer to being a speculative issue than any stamps yet issued by the Rebels. I don't believe there was the least idea, or intention on the part of the postal officials to issue a speculative set, and they are not in the true sense speculative, because the government issuing them have none to sell at any price and the issue was small, only supposedly enough for the day's sale.

Alongside of some of our album beauties these stamps are virginal.

While writing, I might say a word about the other Sonoras. The first white issue is rare. The commonness of the used stamps is about in the following order: 1c, 2c, 3 or 5c (the three cent seems to be as scarce as the 5c used, altho not yet so recognized, because so many unused 3c are offered), 5c thin figure, 10c, 5c black roulette. Of the green seal issues, the scarcest used is the 10c, then the 1c, 3c, 2c, 5c. This is without regard to paper varieties. The violet brown shade and MARO error are dear at $3.50 when the first 5c is priced beside it at $5.00. Figuring first 5c white at $5.00 I would say $2.00 was a good price for the MARO error; but figuring the first 5c at its value compared with other stamps of equal rarity and the first 5c is easily a $10.00 to $15.00 stamp.

For a person wishing to plate these stamps, the "Maro" error is worth no more than any other of the stamps in the sheet. Therefore if the Maro error is worth $3.50 then the others are worth $3.50!

The Ejercito issues were used about as follows: 1, 2, 5, 10c without Talon. 5c with Talon. I have not yet seen any other forms of these stamps which I consider legitimately used. However, I have seen 1, 2, 5c without Talon but with District Revenue overprint used legitimately. Of the 1914 issue, the values from 10c up should be very good property in used copies.

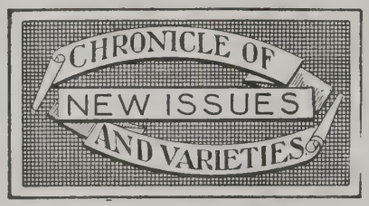
At present, various postmasters in Sonora are offering to stick anything on an envelope and cancel it; however such fakes are easily told as they are usually addressed to another town and not backstamped. A St. Louis party has flooded the market with a Manilla envelope with printed address of Joseph I. Cohn, Cananea, Sonora. These envelopes were mostly used with the Ejercito 1, 2, 5c stamps with Talon attached. All look like made to order affairs as envelopes were sold sealed and unopened.

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UNITED STATES.—C. M. Breder shows us a current envelope, with the stamp printed from the worst worn die yet seen. All colorless inscriptions and dies are greatly enlarged.

ARGENTINE.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports the 2c and 5c of the current set on watermarked paper.

CANADA.—Various items have been going around the philatelic press regarding the early issue of a set of stamps by Canada to commemorate the Centenary of Cartier. The date first announced was July 1, but that day has come and gone without bringing to light the new stamps. We are now able to quote a semi-official statement from Ottawa to the effect that the matter had been considered, but nothing definite done. This was of recent date, since July 1, in fact.

DENMARK.—Mr. Schachne reports the new international letter card, with the King's profile to right.

Letter Card.
10 ore red and black on gray; perf. I.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Forest A. Black asks for information regarding a ship cancellation reading "U. S. S. Wheeling—San Domingo—City, D. R." and dated May 26.

GIBRALTAR.—*Morocco Agencies.*—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us another surcharge for use in the Morocco Agencies, the 5sh stamps of Great Britain having surcharge "Morocco—Agencies" in two lines at the top, and "6 pesetas" at the bottom, both being in black.

Adhesive.
On stamps of Great Britain.
"6 pesetas" on 5sh carmine lake.

Attention is called to the fact that the item under Gibraltar in No. 1226 belongs to the Morocco Agencies.

HAYTI.—H. E. Boetzon sends a used specimen of the current 5c with an overprint reading Gl. O. Z.—7 Feb 1914," enclosed in rectangular rule form. The initials stand for Gen. Oreste Zamor, the new president of the Republic. Mr. Focke also reports the same series of surcharges.

HUNGARY.—Three new entires have just been issued, according to Mr. Schachne.

Post Card.
10f red on dark buff, with dividing line.
Letter Cards.
6f light olive green on blue; perf. III.
10f brick red on greenish gray; perf. III.

ITALY.—*Ewen's Weekly* says that the parcel post stamps recently announced, will be double, each stamp being separated into two parts by perforation. The left hand part has to be stuck on the certificate of posting, and collectors will not be able to obtain this part in used condition, as these forms are destroyed by the postal authorities. The right part has to be stuck on the receipt. If collectors wish to have the two parts attached they must secure them unused.

MEXICO.—The Constitutionalists are making philatelic history very fast these days. Hermann Focke sends us a budget illustrating this clearly. The rubber stamp noted last week has been corrected and now reads "Constitucionalista." This comes on a cover from Monterey and appears to be a new setting as well as corrected. Mr. Focke takes issue with Mr. Prieth on the Spanish terminations. He writes:

"With due respect to Mr. Prieth I wish to state that there is no such word as "ConstitucionalistO," all Spanish adjectives, made of a substantive with an additional end syllable 'ista,' not being subject to the gender of the noun.—Thus we have in Mexico the Porfirista (adherent of Porfirio Daiz), Huertista, Carrancista, Villista, all 'more or less able bodied *men*,' in spite of the feminine ending of the word, and I am inclined to think that the three letters 'G. C. M.' on the Mexican stamp stand for 'Gobierno Constitucionalista Mexico' or may be 'Mexicano.'"

Collectors of Revenue stamps may be interested to know that the U. S. authorities at Vera Cruz have surcharged the Mexican Revenue stamps of the 1913-1914 series with "Gov. U. S. A."—vertically over the stamp proper and the talon. Mr. Focke sends us specimens of the 5c, 25c and 50c thus surcharged and reports having seen all values up to 1 peso thus surcharged. He also reports having seen some values with "Vera Cruz" in addition to the "Gov. U. S. A." but these seem to be rare. Mr. Focke also submits a cover with both Federal and Constitutionalist stamps, this being necessary as the letter passed through territory controlled by both parties.

The International Stamp Co. submits specimens of the new Constitutionalist stamps, with the statement from a correspondent that they were "the first to actually leave Mexico." Forest A. Black reports several interesting covers with ship cancellations. They are the regular ship cancellations and where the short bars are is "Vera Cruz—Mexico," in two lines. Mr. Black has the "U. S. S. Florida" (Apr. 19) "U. S. S. Minnesota," (Apr. 13 and Apr. 28). The above are all Vera Cruz, Mexico. He also has another, "U. S. S. Vermont" (May 16) but on which the name of the town is not legible.

Benedict Prieth reports having seen a cover from Sonora franked with five of the lowest values of the new set.

NICARAGUA.—The York Stamp Co. has also shown us the new ½c stamp.

NORWAY.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the latest addition to the postage due stamps of Norway, the 15 ore value having been issued for the first time. The design is unchanged.

Postage Due Adhesive.
15 ore red brown.

ORCHA.—As long ago as 1900 says Scott's *Circular*, a set of four stamps, purporting to come from this native Indian state, was placed on the market. They were well executed and were obtainable with or without perforations, and a few varieties part perforate. Most of them were marketed in sheets neatly cancelled, which was probably intended as a guarantee of their bona fides. Subsequently it developed that there was nothing official about the issue, but that it was a private speculation on the part of a traveling salesman. Then the stamps were quietly dropped from catalogues and collections. Recently two stamps, purporting to represent postal issues of Orcha, have appeared. The design is rather a crude reproduction of the 1900 issue and is nearly funny enough to be called a caricature. We naturally wonder if the new stamps have more authority back of them than the former lot. At any rate we can say in their favor that they are printed in bright colors, and the little sheets of eight are "real cute."

SIAM.—The permanent set of postal cards, reported in a recent issue, has been superseded by a series of surcharged cards, as reported by Mr. Schachne.

Post Cards.
2s black, brown and red on white.
5s black, red and red on white.
5x5s black, red and red on white.

URUGUAY.—The 2c, 4c and 10c postage due stamps have been issued in lithographed form, according to *Lemaire's Journal*. These stamps are a little larger than the 1902 issue and perforated 11½. The 1c is to be suppressed.

NOTES ON THE STAMPS OF SWEDEN.

By BARON E. G. E. LEIJONHUFVUD.

The little labels to pay postage, in which we are all so interested, came into use fifteen years later in Sweden than in England. Yet there is this peculiarity, that the first idea of "something stamped" came from a member of the Swedish Diet, Count Treffenberg, who as early as March, 1823, made a proposal to use STAMPED PAPER as payment of postage. After having had the matter referred to a committee, in which Treffenberg explained and defended his proposal, it was finally defeated with arguments that to the present-day generation would seem extremely ridiculous. We all know of Rowland Hill's proposals in his pamphlet *Post Office Reform*. After various ups and downs Hill's ideas were accepted by the Government, and in January, 1840, the new postal regulations were issued. The most remarkable change was the way in which postage was to be paid. The "Queen's Heads" came into the world, and a new chapter in its history had actually commenced.

Brazil, Switzerland, the United States, Russia, France and other countries soon adopted the new system, but the first Swedish stamps were not issued until 1855. It took three years to get the Bill through the Diet, the lawmakers of the day being afraid of the increased cost, and the proposal was several times defeated. In March, 1855, the Diet finally decided to change the scale of payments for postage and in connection to accept payment in the shape of stamps to be affixed to the letter. Count Sparre got the first contract to print the stamps, and the Government paper factory at Tumba supplied the rather rough, handmade (wove) paper which was used.

According to Mr. Holmberg's statement in *Sveriges Frankotecken*, the first stamps were delivered in sheets of 200 for each value. It consisted of 807 sheets of the 3sk Bco., 3242 sheets of the 4sk Bco., 501 sheets of the 6sk Bco., 1032 sheets of the 8sk Bco., and 250 sheets of the 24sk Bco.

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All the Swedish stamps have been typographed on wove paper with the exception of the King Oscar stamps, the 5kr, blue, and the new current stamps of King Gustaf, which are line-engraved. The paper varies very much in the first issue, but with the exception of the 3sk Bco. there are two distinct kinds of paper, THIN and THICK. In the case of the 3sk green, the documents in Stockholm prove conclusively that only one kind of paper was used and that the whole issue of this value was printed during 1855. Of the other values there are many printings after that year. Mr. Holmberg states that the entire issue of the 3sk Bco. was 315,000 stamps, of the 4sk 6,984,900 stamps, of the 6sk 266,900 stamps, of the 8sk 798,800 stamps, and of the 24sk 231,800. When the coinage of the country was changed in 1858, quantities of the sk. Bco. stamps were burnt in connection with the issue of the second or öre issue. There were two burnings: we have documents of the first one proving that the following quantities were burnt in June, 1858:—

3sk Bco,	134,500
4sk Bco,	188,325
6sk Bco,	23,600
8sk Bco,	5,200
24sk Bco,	37,850

Later on in the same year the second burning took place, but we have no information of how the different values were disposed of, except that the total face value of the second burning amounted to 69,367 Rdr. Rmt., or nearly to the same amount as the first burning. *The 3sk Bco* had FOUR different printings, the last one being 29th of December, 1855, and ALL on thin paper.

The 4sk had sixteen different printings, the last in 1858. The 6sk had six printings, the last in 1857. The 8sk had nine printings, the last in 1857, and the 24sk Bco had the same number of printings at the same dates as the 8sk. The 3sk Bco exists in two or three slightly different shades, besides the famous er-

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edition of the sk Bco stamps is the 24sk, but a greater number of these remained in circulation as compared to the 6 and 3sk, and are consequently not so difficult to acquire as the latter.

SECOND ISSUE, 1858-72. VALUE IN ORE.

The design is the same as for the sk Bco, but the plates are new. The shield is narrower than on the Bancos, the crowns in the shield are also narrower, and the two top ones are placed further apart. The crown above the shield differs considerably in the two issues; the orb on the Bco stamps is larger and partially hidden by the loops of the crown, and both the orb and the cross are shaded. In the 1858 issue the orb is quite visible and smaller.

The shading of the 5 öre varies from pale green to yellow-green, dark green, and even grey-green. The 9 öre has also a number of different shades from brown-violet to pale violet. Even pinkish violet occurs, but may be the result of acid in the gum or some exposure. Grey ones have not been found. The 12 öre occurs in all sorts of shades, and specimens have been found imperforate on one or two sides. The ultramarine colour is probably the finest and rarest. One sheet of this issue was printed on both sides, and there are three copies known to have been preserved; they are all unused and are probably among the rarest stamps of Sweden. The 24 öre exists in many different shades, and an error in the type occurs pretty frequently in the word "ORE," where we find "ORF" instead. Of the 30 öre we find four distinct shades and some differences in the figure "3." This stamp is known imperforate. The 50 öre red, has also several shades, and shows the same type-errors as in the two lower values. The local stamp 3 öre, brown, was originally meant for use in the larger towns where local post of an official nature had been arranged, but as the plates did not get ready in time the post officials borrowed the plates of a private black local stamp. It was printed in one or two shades of brown, and although it was without value, a postal circular fixed its value at 3 öre, and it could be used for any kind of postal purposes: it was consequently a PROVISIONAL stamp, and the first issue occurred in December, 1861. It was not issued after December, 1862, when the new 3 öre stamp was ready. The design of the new 3 öre—the Lion type—is perhaps the most artistic of all the Swedish stamps. It was issued for a period of ten years. Specimens occur printed on both sides, the back always showing part of two or more designs. They are exceedingly rare. A very similar design in values of 17 and 20 öre appeared 1866. The 17 öre is found in various shades from violet to grey. No grey ones are poststamped before 1870, which would appear to show that only the last printing contained the rarer colour. The 20 öre "Lion" varies from brick-red to brown-red; the latter is the least common. Imperforate specimens are known. The second issue, or the "Shield" issue, ceased when the Post Office handed the contract to Jacob Bagge in 1872. The new issue is the so-called "Figure" issue from 1872-7.

The black local stamp was a private stamp started in Stockholm as early as 1848. It was used until 1884, and when the postal authorities took over this service its originator was granted a small pension until his death. It had, however, never the same postal standing as the brown 3 öre local, and could only be used in Stockholm. The reprint, on the other hand, was a Government reprint and had full postal use. It was sent to all the postal authorities abroad, among other specimens of reprints, and was called "1 skilling Bco" (after July, 1858, "3 öre"). It was printed on the postal paper from Tumba factory. The colour varies from black to grey-black, but it is not possible to say which was the first print, as the used copies are all poststamped with a star, or in Stockholm with a stamp without date or year, only "Stockholm" and the number of delivery, for instance, "5 TUR" being the fifth delivery. We have specimens both on thin and thick paper. The ones printed in 1856 were on thin paper.

REPRINTS.

Foreign post offices continued to make requests for specimens of the first Swedish stamps long after the time when they were current. As there were no sk Bco left (only 9 öres and the brown locals) in the post-office stock, the Postmaster-General decided to have some reprints made. New plates were made out of the old dies (the original ones having been lost), and the first printing commenced in March, 1868. Every frame had nine stamp-plates arranged in three lines. The second reprint took place in October, 1868, and *not in 1871*, as has been the customary belief. An order was now given that at no time must the reprints kept in the post office in Stockholm get below five hundred pieces of each value. At the commencement of 1871 there were only two values below this figure, viz. the two local stamps, and 900 of these were immediately ordered and printed. The demand for the 3sk Bco was so great that already in July, 1871, a second printing of that value became necessary. It was delivered in August of the same year, and was the only sk Bco reprint in 1871.

We know very little about the last reprint of 1885. But not only were the Bancos reprinted, but also the entire "Shield" issue, the Lion types, and the two local stamps, as well as the 1 riksdaler. By this time a new perforating machine was in use, and the 1885 reprints are perforated 13. About the same time an official in the post office made use of the plates to print a few sheets of each value on another paper thinner and more shiny than the regular paper. The postal authorities made no difference between this print and their own, nor does there seem to have been any inquiry as to its appearance. This particular "private" reprint is extremely rare, though all the 1885 reprints are scarce, the post offices not being permitted to sell them to private persons. We find from Mr. Holmberg's investigation that the 3sk Bco has been reprinted four times (twice in 1868, once in 1871, and once in 1885); the black local an equal number of times; all the other values of the 1sk Bco series have been reprinted three times (twice in 1868 and once in 1885). The local brown has been reprinted twice (in 1871 and 1885), and the rest (the "öres" and "riksdaler") once in 1885. The differences between reprints and originals are in some cases very slight. In the 1868 reprint of the black local there is an error in the plate, causing a white spot on the right side of the oval frame of the little balls; as a rule the reprints of the 4, 8 and even 24sk Bco are very difficult to distinguish from the originals. The 3sk and 6sk are in a different colour, although the grey-brown 6sk may cause the most experienced some trouble. The 1885 reprints are easy to distinguish because of the changed perforation; the colours are also much brighter, the paper whiter, and the general appearance fresher. The 17 öre reprint was only printed in grey.

—London Philatelist.

(To be continued.)

EARLY ISSUES OF COSTA RICA.

By Fred. J. Melville.

The earliest stamps of Costa Rica, the most progressive of the five States of Central America, have a place in every general collection, and are among the first stamps upon which the young collector sets his heart to acquire. They were issued in 1863, but it is by no means certain that these perforated stamps were not preceded by an imperforate issue in the same design about December 1862. Of the circumstances attending their original issue collectors know nothing, no decree or official notice having been handed down to present-day students, but that the country's interest in postal reform was aroused about this period is clear from its sending a representative to the sparsely attended Postal Conference in Paris in 1863.



The curious design is responsible for the interest which these stamps had for the early philatelists. It represents not one "painted ship upon a painted ocean" but two ships on two oceans, separated by an isthmus, the land being chiefly represented by the three volcanoes, Turrialba, Irazu, and Poas. Above are five stars representing the provinces of San Jose, Alajuela, Cartago, Guanacaste, and Limon; the "surround" is an ornate form of shield. The stamps were recess-plate printed by the American Bank Note Company of New York, and two of the denominations are catalogued imperforate under the date December, 1862. Of the issue and use of these imperforates substantial evidence is still lacking. If issued thus for use in 1862 it would seem more probable that the colour of the half-real, imperforate, would be deep blue, not blue as in the catalogue, as the early copies of the perforated stamps were deep blue, the printings in the lighter shade coming later. Used copies are known of both the half-real and two reales imperforate, but it may be questioned whether they were issued in that state, as the stamps of 1863 were perforated by a single-line machine, the vagaries of which would allow for the removal of the perforations. In the absence of imperforate pairs collectors must be cautious of the imperforate issue.

The stamps with the perforation gauging twelve (a measure generally used by the American Bank Note Company) are listed in five denominations and several shades. The half-real is in deep blue, and in blue, but the deep blue came first, and the blue followed within a short time. The other values are the two reales red, four reales green, and one peso orange. The omission of a one-real stamp appears to have suggested to an early faker that a stamp of this denomination would be acceptable to collectors, for the one-real brown stamp formerly listed is undoubtedly a bogus one; it had no genuine existence.

No one need question that these first stamps of Costa Rica served a bona-fide postal purpose. There were stamp collectors at that period; indeed, the vogue of the hobby was at its height in those days, both in Paris and London; but these four stamps served for the State's postal requirements during a period of eighteen years, and in 1881-82, when the decimal currency was adopted by Costa Rica, the ½-real was still continued in use, the stamps of the old design being surcharged with the values in the new currency in bright red. The new values, all surcharged on the ½-real, were 1 centavo (in two types), 2 centavos, and 5 centavos. The issue of the 5 centavos is questioned on the ground of the absence of any early chronicle of the stamp in the philatelic journals and catalogues of the period. That the stamp was prepared for issue there is little doubt, and (although not priced in the used state in the current catalogues) used copies are known. It would be of considerable interest to students to find a used copy of this stamp on an original envelope or letter.





In 1882 Costa Rica joined the Universal Postal Union, and to provide for the new postage rates then called for, three of the old denominations were surcharged with new values, along with the initials "U.P.U." These are the

5 centavos in red on ½-real, blue,
10 centavos in black on 2 reales, red,
20 centavos in red on 4 reales, green.

These surcharges are comparatively scarce, being in use for a very short period, and but little is known concerning them. It may be pointed out that there are deceptive forgeries of these "U.P.U." surcharges.





In 1883 a new issue was designed and engraved by the same printers, and limited to five values—1 centavo green, 2c carmine, 5c violet, 10c orange, and 40c blue. These bore the portrait of General Prospero Fernandez (1834-1885), who had been elected President for four years in 1882, and died before the completion of his term of office. Fernandez took part in both the campaigns against the American journalist-adventurer William Walker and his filibustering expeditions, and was active in the revolution against President Jiminez, of Costa Rica, in 1870, becoming commander-in-chief of the Costa Rican forces under President Guardia.—*Daily Telegraph.*

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By Arthur Irwin Smith.

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They were out on the verandah early in the afternoon when Jamie carelessly picked up a newspaper. He glanced over the advertisement columns, then whistled suddenly. "Wanted—all kinds of cancelled stamps at highest prices. Apply X, this office," he read aloud.

"It couldn't amount to much," laughed Gerald. "I hardly think it would be worth fooling with."

"Well, when the big chances do not come, it is always worth while trying the little ones," said his mother wisely.

"Yes, and I'm going to try," declared Jamie. "Perhaps I can make enough with what father adds to it to start me a nice stamp collection of my own, besides I can keep some of the stamps I find for myself."

"Humph!" said Gerald. "I can't see why you care for stamp collecting. I'm going over to Green's field to play ball this afternoon. You going?"

"Not this afternoon, for I'm going to start at once to hunt up stamps to sell to that man," returned Jamie.

"Better go," insisted Gerald. "All the boys will be there."

"Another time for me," Jamie said as he went inside.

He went to a plunder room, and raked through every old package of letters he could find. He found some wrappings of old bundles thrown in with some newspapers. Soon he had a hundred or more United States stamps of various kinds.

Next day he went down town and got permission from the merchants to look through their wastebaskets. In this way he added many more to his pile of stamps.

A few days afterward he went out into the country to visit a great aunt. He did not forget his business of collecting, and asked her if she had any stamps.

"Do you want to write a letter?" she asked.

"Oh, no, I just wanted cancelled stamps," and he showed her the advertisement.

"Up in the attic there are piles and piles of letters. Get the scissors and go up there and help yourself. You can have them all regardless of what they may be worth," said his kind old aunt.

"Oh, thank you," he cried, as he hurried away to find a box and the scissors.

Soon he was so busy up in the old dusty attic that he lost all sense of the passage of time. There were United States stamps, Confederate stamps, and a few foreign ones. He had no idea as to their value, but he found them interesting all the same.

When he went home he visited the stores again, then put all that he had found together and the pile was so large he thought it time he should find the advertiser. It was not long after he had gotten the address from the newspaper office, until he stood before Mr. Brant, who, as it happened, lived on the same street as himself.

The buyer of stamps was a kindly, bespectacled person of middle age, who quickly and dexterously ran through Jamie's aggregation. He soon started to count up the value of the little piles, and Jamie began to feel disappointed.

"Whew!" cried Mr. Brant. "What have you here?" He held one which he had evidently overlooked in his sorting them out. It was a Confederate stamp his aunt had given him.

Jamie did not answer.

"You are lucky, son," said the honest collector. "I can pay you five dollars for this one."

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By R. E. R. DALWIGK.

The 1898 Issue.

The "Postage—Postage" Design.

In 1898 a new series of stamps was issued for use in the Colony. The reason for the change is not very clear but was probably due to motives of economy. Its appearance was heralded by the following notification which appeared in the "Government Gazette" of the Colony,

Government Notice.

"Withdrawal of present issue of Gambia Postage Stamps." "On the 1st May, 1898, the present issue, if not previously exhausted, of all denominations of Postage Stamps in the Gambia that are then in the hands of the Government will be destroyed and a complete new set of stamps will then be put in circulation."

"Administrator's Office, Bathurst, Gambia. 31st January, 1898."

The date of issue of this series is frequently given as January, 1898, but in face of the foregoing official announcement this would appear to be incorrect.

Probably on account of a falling off in the demand for these stamps by philatelists, the printing of the handsome embossed stamps from separate plates was found to be too great a strain on the Colony's resources, and possibly owing also to representations on the part of the Crown Agents as to the great saving effected by the employment of the general Colonial key-plate design for the production of their stamps, the new series was printed from the cheaper and decidedly less effective Postage—Postage design, used by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. in the printing of the postal emissions of a large number of British Colonies.

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The stamps in question were printed from Plate 2 of these general key-plates in sheets of 120, arranged in two panes of 60, side by side. Each pane was surrounded by a continuous coloured line in the same colour as the body of the stamp, and bore the plate number "2" in all four corners, whilst the margins themselves were watermarked with the inscription "CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES." The ½d, 1d and 3d values of this series are also known printed from plate "3", but of the 3d only a very small number of sheets were printed from this plate, and copies with the marginal plate number "3" attached are extremely difficult to find.

The 1d printed from plate "3" is in a much deeper shade than the same stamp of plate "2"; the ½d varies very little if any; whilst in some cases of the 3d both the mauve and ultramarine colours are somewhat deeper.

On the stamps of this issue the watermark Crown over CA is upright, the sheets being of the regulation size to fit the plates. The stamps were perforated 14 in all cases, and have white gum.



Reference List.

½d dull green and green (plates 2 & 3).
1d carmine and carmine (plate 2).
1d carmine and deep carmine (plate 3).
2d orange and mauve (plate 2).
2½d ultramarine and ultramarine (plate 2).
2½d ultramarine and pale ultramarine (plate 2).
3d mauve and pale ultramarine (plate 2).
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VII. Save for the substitution of the profile of the new sovereign and the introduction of a diminutive crown into the upper part of the design, the stamps differ but little from the previous issue. They were produced from a combination of key and duty plates in the manner already described and were printed in sheets of identical size, with the same marginal lines and inscriptions, but the plate number "1" instead of "2" and "3." Like the 1898 issue they were inscribed with the word "POSTAGE" on either side of the frame indicating that they were not available for fiscal purposes, as indeed were none of the postal issues of the Colony. Four totally unnecessary high values were included in this series of the denominations of 1sh 6d, 2sh, 2sh 6d, and 3sh, respectively.

Previous to the year 1902 Gambia enjoyed the distinction of being the only British West African possession that had issued no postage stamp of a higher face value than 1sh, and it can be safely asserted that until that time the Colony had not issued any stamp for which there was not an absolutely urgent and perfectly legitimate demand. With the appearance, however, of the King's Head series of stamps, the Gambia postal officials, instead of endeavouring to maintain their proud record seem to have taken it into their heads to speculate and to make up for lost time immediately plunged into a series of postage stamp speculations such as have been unrivalled since the days of the notorious Ceylon surcharges. They added four high value stamps to an otherwise perfectly legitimate and bona fide series, rising by sixpenny stages from 1sh to 3sh. Despite the fact that these stamps served no useful purpose for actual postage there was a pretty brisk demand for them at first by stamp dealers and collectors, as the values issued were somewhat of a Colonial novelty, and their exact nature was not at first suspected or proved. The stamps were perforated 14 and watermarked with a Crown and CA, the watermark being so arranged as to show one complete watermark device upon the centre of each stamp, and such watermarks are now classed "Single CA", as opposed to the later "Multiple CA."

The first value to be placed on sale was the 1d which made its appearance on March 13th, 1902, and was followed by the ½d and 3d on April 19th; the 2d, 2½d, 4d, 6d, 1sh and 2sh on June 14th. It was not, however, until the 6th April, 1905, that the remaining values of 1sh 6d, 2sh 6d, and 3sh were added to the series and of these a total of only 6,000 copies each are said to have been printed, the same number was also printed of the 2sh value. As regards the other values of this issue the quantities printed are not known, but we have it on good authority that of the 1sh denomination 5776 were printed. This series of stamps has risen in value considerably, considering that it is a twentieth century issue, the reason being that they were so quickly superseded by the Multiple CA watermark. The 1sh and 2sh denominations are scarce.



Reference List.

1902-05.

King's Head designs as above. Inscribed Postage—Postage. Wmk. Crown CA (single). Perf. 14. Name and value in second colour given. Typographed and printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. in London. [Dates of issue given in parenthesis.]

½d green (issued April 19th, 1902).
1d carmine (March 13th, 1902).
2d orange & mauve (June 14th, 1902).
2½d ultramarine (June 14th, 1902).
3d magenta & ultramarine (April 19th, 1902).
4d brown & ultramarine (June 14th, 1902).
6d sage-green & carmine (June 14th, 1902).
1sh violet & green (June 14th, 1902).
1sh 6d green & carmine on yellow (April 6th, 1905).
2sh deep slate & orange (June 14th, 1902).
2sh 6d purple & brown on yellow (April 6th, 1905).
3sh carmine & green on yellow (April 6th, 1905).

II. THE MULTIPLE CA SERIES. 1904-06.

During August 1904, the first stamp printed on "Multiple CA" paper made its appearance in the shape of the 1d carmine. The other values appeared on this new paper as the stock of "Single CA's" became exhausted in the Colony, with the exception of the 1sh 6d, 2sh 6d and 3sh denominations which never appeared on multiple paper. Stamps on Multiple CA paper show portions of two or three watermark devices instead of only one.

The size of the sheets, perforation, marginal lines and plate numbers are as before, but there are no marginal inscriptions. The curious value craze did not die out with 1sh 6d, 2sh 6d and 3sh denominations as in 1906, three new stamps were added to the series: 5d, 7½d and 10d and were regarded as being of the same nature as the high value Single CA's. There is, however, some small argument which—to a certain extent—explains the "necessity" of these three values. We quote from Mr. D. B. Armstrong's "Twentieth Century Colonials" in *Gibbons' Stamp Weekly:*

"It cannot be denied, however, that they had their uses, as at the time of their issue they would prepay letters to foreign countries weighing respectively, 1½, 2 and 4 oz., though since the increase in weight that may be sent for 2½d they have lost much of their utility. They could also be used in connection with the posting of packages of commercial papers, the rate on which is 2½d per 10 oz. All the same a judicious amalgamation of the existing values of the series would have answered the purpose just as well. But in a hot country like Gambia they are naturally anxious to avoid as much unnecessary trouble either mental or physical as possible, and it may be after all that the stamps were issued out of convenience to the public."

Furthermore, it has been argued in favour of these values that the fees for insured parcels were:

5d for compensation to £12.
7½d for compensation to £24.
and 10d up to £36.
—*Post Office Ordinance, No.6,[1897].*

These stamps are printed in singly-fugitive ink and intended for postal purposes only, they have not appeared on chalky-surfaced paper.

Reference List.

1904-06.

Designs as before. Watermark Multiple Crown CA. Perf. 14. Unsurfaced paper. Name and value in second colour. Typographed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. in London. Dates of issue appended in parenthesis.

½d green (February 23rd, 1906).
1d carmine (August, 1905).
2d orange & mauve (Feb. 23rd, 1906.)
2½d ultramarine (February 23rd, 1906).
3d magenta & ultramarine (Feb. 23rd, 1906).
4d brown & ultramarine (Feb. 23rd, 1906).
5d grey & black (April 6th, 1905).
6d sage-green & carmine (Feb. 23rd, 1906).
7½d green and carmine (April 6th, 1908).
10d olive-brown & carmine (April 6th, 1906).
1sh violet & green (February 23rd, 1906).
2sh deep slate & orange (Feb. 23rd, 1906).

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The Provisionals of 1906.

The following appeared on May 26, 1906 in *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* from its Bathurst correspondent, who wrote on April 30th:

"The surcharged penny and halfpenny postage stamps on 3sh and 2sh 6d denominations, respectively, were issued on the 10th instant, and withdrawn on the 23rd April. The issue was necessary owing to a delay in receipt of a requisition for stamps sent to England on the 9th February, and by the abnormal sales, from some unknown reason, of the usual penny and halfpenny stamps during February and March.

"A very small issue was made pending the arrival of the mail on the 24th, by which the indent above mentioned was received. The total issue was 4,500 penny and 3,780 halfpenny."

At the time much was written in the philatelic press under headings such as "The Gambia Scandal," and the provisionals were denounced in the most scathing manner. As the officials were left with large quantities of these stamps on their hands they resorted to a very favourite device of the speculatively inclined Colonial postmaster and converted practically the whole of them into provisionals of the face value of a halfpenny and one penny, respectively, whilst by judicious manipulation it was so arranged between the post office and various members of the European community of the Colony that the whole, or nearly the whole, of the total number of provisionals issued should be held locally, and that dealers and stamp collectors, applying for stocks should be made to pay good round figures for supplies. This presents one of the most glaring instances of postage stamp manipulation on the part of Colonial postmasters that has ever been known, and at the time of its occurrence there was considerable agitation here at home for an official Colonial Office inquiry into the whole circumstances of the case, which was eventually undertaken at the instance of Lord Crewe, when the Governor of Gambia's printed report contained the following:

"The Governor of the colony states that as the supply of the ½d and 1d stamps had been exhausted before the arrival of a new supply which had been ordered, no [regular] stamps of these denominations were available from the 2nd to the 10th April, letters requiring such postage being stamped "Postage Paid." The surcharged stamps were on sale from the 10th to the 24th of April, the date on which the new supply became available. A surplus was left over which was destroyed with proper precautions."

It is, however, certain that out of the "necessity" a large speculation was made by certain individuals in Gambia—but such is the case with practically all provisionals issued nowadays.

Both values were surcharged locally at Bathurst, and issued on April 10th, 1906. Of the 2sh 6d, 4500 copies were overprinted HALF PENNY in large sans-serifs in two lines in black, with two thick black bars beneath cancelling the original value, and 3600 of the 3sh with the words ONE PENNY in small Roman capitals in one line also in black across the centre of the stamp, but without any bar obliterating the original value of the stamp.

The "Half Penny" on 2sh 6d was surcharged in complete sheets of 120 at four operations, a block of thirty stamps being overprinted at each operation, but the "One Penny" on 3sh was split up into panes before being placed in the press, the overprinting of the entire sheet taking two operations.

Of the ½d on 2sh 6d there exist two more or less important varieties, the first in which the space between the words of the surcharge and the bars obliterating the original value measures 5 mm. (rows 1, 2 and 5) instead of 4 mm. (rows 3 and 4) only; and the second, which occurs as Nos. 7 and 37 on each pane with a broken E like an F making the word read PFNNY. There are also other varieties consisting of dropped letters, and variations in the thickness of the cancelling bars, which, however, present little interest.

The only known variety of importance occurring on the sheets of the One Penny on 3sh is that of a double surcharge, which is extremely scarce.

On the arrival of a fresh supply of ½d and 1d stamps in the permanent design from England, these provisionals were, on April 23rd, 1906, withdrawn from issue, and in the following October the few remaining on hand were officially destroyed.

In the Governor's report it was stated that the surplus "was destroyed with proper precautions"—this was on October 16, 1906. Considering that at least 2000 of the ½d and 3000 of the 1d would appear to have been postally used, the so-called surplus cannot have meant more than a few odd specimens.

Dealers were, for the most part, refused supplies by the postal authorities, but subsequently obtained supplies from local speculators at large premiums.

Reference List.

1906.
(April 10th-23rd.)

Provisional issue. Designs of 1905. Wmk. Crown CA (Single). Perf. 14. Surcharged HALF PENNY in black on 2sh 6d, and ONE PENNY in black on 3sh. Locally overprinted at Bathurst.

(i) HALF PENNY on 2sh 6d purple & brown on yellow.
(ii) ONE PENNY on 3sh carmine and green on yellow. .....
Varieties: (i) a Space between letters and bars is 5 mm.
b Space between letters and bars is 4 mm.
c Depressed Y in PENNY.
d Broken E in PENNY (PFNNY).
e Thick bars.
f Slightly thinner bars.
(ii) a Double surcharge.
b Depressed Y in PENNY.
c Depressed E in PENNY.

It is said that following the issue of these provisionals the 2sh 6d and 3sh values were withdrawn from issue to prevent their being purchased for the purpose of manufacturing fraudulent surcharges.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—"M. Lopez," Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, sent a postal card to the Marks Stamp Company, asking for a selection from South American countries, and gave several banks, the Y. M. C. A., and a detective agency as references. One of the references, the Lake Shore Bank, said that it was "unable to locate the account of M. Lopez," while the Cleveland Trust Company, a second reference, said that it did not appear to have ever had any business relations with Mr. Lopez.

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JULY 28.

10.30 A. M. Business Session.

2.15 P. M. Take steamer for outing at Nahant.

6.00 P. M. Supper at the "Brenton," Nahant.

8.00 P. M. Take steamer for Revere Beach.

JULY 29.

10.30 A. M. Final Business Meeting.

2.00 P. M. Auction Sale and Bourse.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Not A Certainty—There have been reports in the stamp papers for some time past of an impending new celebratory set for Canada on the occasion of the centenary of Cartier; and it has been announced in print that the stamps were to be issued on July 15th, 1914. From a clipping sent by our old correspondent, Mr. W. R. Adams, of Toronto, from the *Telegram* of his city, the investigations of one of the paper's own reporters are given. We learn that although suggestions and ideas for designs have been received by the postmaster general, there has been no governmental order on the subject of the stamps. The question of the issue of the special stamps is still under consideration and "it is understood that the Postmaster-General has expressed himself personally as favorably disposed toward the project but it is denied by the officials that he has taken any official steps." The designs that have been suggested for the Cartier commemorative stamps are said to be: 1 cent, King and Queen; 2 cent, Cartier Monument; 5 cent, Birthplace of Cartier; 7 cent, Prince of Wales; 10 cent, Opening of Victoria Bridge by Cartier; 20 cent, Train Passing Through Grain Field and 50 cent, Cartier Coat-of-Arms. The *Telegram's* man adds that the report that the bilingual postal card "has been or is to be withdrawn, as rumored," is denied emphatically; and it is asserted that the card with inscription in French, as well as in English, is to be continued in service.

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Laid Out—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal comments on the mentioning by us of a one cent of the 1857 issue, United States, "on close diagonally laid paper." We have always referred to discoveries of alleged laid paper in United States stamps with reserve, even though we know that the one cent laid and the three cent laid of the 1861 issue do exist as catalogued. Our esteemed contemporary proceeds to explain how laid paper may be manufactured surreptitiously, as it were; and though this ingenious plan has been told of heretofore in connection with "laid" varieties, we doubt whether it has ever been presented before so crisply and convincingly: "An adhesive stamp on diagonally laid paper is surely an impossibility. Its appearance may well be due to long and close attachment to an envelope of strongly laid, or ribbed, paper, in which the lines ran diagonally as is usually the case in envelopes. We tried some experiments in this way a few years back, and succeeded in producing some United States stamps which had the appearance of being laid, especially when looked at along the surface, and we knew they were genuine because we had laid them ourselves."

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Barbados Prohibition—From Mr. S. H. M. Agens we have received the information: "Perhaps it will be interesting to your readers to know that a postcard with stamps illustrated thereon is prohibited in the mails of Barbados and that if the sender attempts to use it, the post office authorities will return it to him in an enclosure. This course of procedure is new to me and your readers may wish to be informed of it." Mr. Agens sends us the card that was returned to his correspondent at Barbados with "Prohibited" written across the face, under a "returned letter" official covering. The postal card in question is one of the familiar "made in Germany" type depicting with no mean workmanship, in colors approximately true to those of the original stamps, twenty stamps of Barbados, including three of the first Brittania type. Several countries are known to have forbidden the circulation of these stamp cards in their mails as in the case of Barbados.

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A New Wrinkle—We have received mail matter recently that bore the printed label: "Please Cancel Lightly. These stamps are destined for the album of a stamp enthusiast, therefore please treat them with consideration." These pasters are for letters and packages that are prepaid with stamps that are calculated to appeal to the recipient and not for mail with ordinary stamps. The originator of the label must be credited with enterprise; and it is fair to assume that in the aggregate the use of the request will be attended with benefit. From our knowledge of human nature though, we do not hesitate to affirm that here and there a postmaster or clerk will give the stamps an extra whack or two through sheer perversity.

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From Venezuela—We have received the ten centimos of a new Venezuelan set, engraved, with central design of Simon Bolivar. We mention this fact merely to remark that the portrait of the Liberator is so faithful that the head which is but five millimeters from chin to crown is identified at once as that of Bolivar who is represented from slightly below the belt upwards, in standing position on the stamp.

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Bon Voyage—On July 18th, Mr. J. M. Bartels was booked to sail for Europe on the Imperator. He will spend some weeks in Germany as the representative of the United States on the Jury at the Cassel Exhibition which will attract the eyes of philatelic Europe during August and which, from all indications, will be the mecca of many a philatelic traveler. It was two years ago that the honor was bestowed on Mr. Bartels that he is now about to discharge. Recently, we described in our columns the exhibit that Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack was to make; and Dr. J. Brace Chittenden will show the early issues of Austria, specialized while Mr. John A. Klemann will exhibit his marvelous collection of Confederates which has been remounted and amplified since the time of the New York Exhibition. Mr. Bartels will exhibit his special collection of Danish West Indies, *hors concours*, or not for competition. From the reports in the continental stamp papers it is seen that an elaborate program of festivities at Cassel has been arranged. Mr. Bartels intends to return to New York about October first by way of Brussels, Paris and London and during his absence his business will be continued uninterruptedly by four competent assistants.

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Philatelic Prospect—From Mr. Frederic C. DePuy, Rochester, we have received a newspaper clipping telling of a convention at Christiania, Norway, attended by delegates from the United States, Russia, Norway, "and other northern European countries," for the purpose of formulating a plan of government for the desolate area of "the world's one country without a flag—the Spitzbergen Islands, commonly called No Man's Land." There are rich deposits of coal in the islands lying north of Norway on the edge of the Arctic Circle, even if there is no plant life and little if any animal life there, which lure miners for the three open months of the year; and so it is incumbent upon civilization to organize this floating community during its working hours, at least. We trust that the commissioners will succeed in establishing law and order "in this remote corner of creation;" and besides Spitzbergen would be a sounding name to add to the album's roster. There was once a fictitious stamp for Franz Joseph Land, discovered by the Austrian Polar Expedition in 1873-74 but this label of islands northeast of Spitzbergen is the nearest Spitzbergen has got to a stamp issue. We have understood that the Spitzbergen Islands, although without permanent inhabitants, was a dependency of Russia.

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On the side there will be entertainment galore; trips around the points of interest, automobile rides for the ladies; in fact, something all the time. Those who have attended previous A. P. S. conventions do not need to be told of the good times that are in store for them.

The real true "dyed-in-the-wool" stamp collector who plans his summer vacation to include Niagara Falls, Aug. 11, 12, and 13 will have many a pleasant memory to look back upon.—H. C. BARR.

AS WE READ IT.

Postage stamps that are carried in a pocketbook frequently stick together. When this happens lay them on a smooth surface and pass a hot iron over them. This will separate the stamps without destroying the gum.—*Newark Evening Star.*

PHYLLIS AS A PHILATELIST.

By ARTHUR IRWIN SMITH.

I was displaying my collection for the first time to Phyllis. She glanced carelessly through the magnificent array, as I considered it, of early United States issues, then looked out the window for a minute in a reverie.

"Did you know George was dead?" she asked, irrelevantly.

I opened my mouth in surprise. Several of our friends were named George. "George—who?" I gasped.

"George Washington, silly," she giggled.

"Well," I compromised, "what do you think of my stamps?"

"They're tacky," she declared, turning on slowly.

A page of cheap Cubans came to view. "Oh, look at the little baby kings," she cried. I had seen her go into raptures over little "baby dogs," and "baby kittens," and even "baby chickens," but I wasn't expecting my stamps to make such a hit.

"They don't amount to much," I told her.

"I think they are cute," she insisted, in a tone that must have made Alphonso's heart flutter, even in far-away Spain. "Tell me about them."

So I related what I knew of the young king's history, told of a few of the naughty things he had done, and showed his likeness as portrayed on the later stamps of Spain.

And now every time I get out my album Phyllis must sit at my elbow and see the "baby kings." Which all goes to show that if you want to interest a woman, you must find something that is of interest to her.

ON TO NIAGARA

to the annual meeting of the American Philatelic Society to be held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., on August 11th, 12th and 13th,— and also to attend my

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10c and 24c, August, 1861

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2c Die B3, Bartels' No. 395, Entire, Unused

and a used copy of 1433 and also 1,600, Die B; a good lot of colonials and foreign; in fact a sale interesting to every collector for he ought to find something that he needs to fill up a blank space in his album.

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I am of the opinion that all dealers who entered into such an Association, would, in the course of a few years save many times the cost of maintaining such an Association from this one feature alone.

The catalogue publishing feature of it, I doubt if it would meet with any better success than the present publishers, who I have no doubt are doing their best to please everybody concerned.

Sincerely yours,
ALVIN GOOD,
Cleveland, Ohio.

MUSKOGEE HAS ONE.

In the midst of a series of special postmarks emanating from our northern neighbor, Canada, the United States comes out with a new advertising cancellation. The new label is from Muskogee, Oklahoma, and reads—SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION/SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS/MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA./NOVEMBER 11-13, 1914.—in four lines, surrounded by a waved line designed 57 mm. long by 18 mm. high. This interesting cancellation was totally unpredicted and unexpected, though a proposed one from Wichita, Kansas, to advertise the 1914 Dry Farming Congress was predicted long ago. This latter mark has not yet appeared, but definite information regarding it is expected soon.

GEORGE A. CHANDLER.

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—Greater latitude is evidently to be given to postmasters in this country regarding postmarks to advertise special events, as has been done in Canada for some time. Frank B. Eldredge sends us a specimen from Baltimore, reading "National Star—Spangled Banner — Centennial — Baltimore Sep. 1914."

DENMARK.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 1, 2 and 3 ore stamps, Scott's Type A10, on paper watermarked multiple crosses.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA.—Whitfield King & Co. report having seen the 25c and 75c values of the King George set on paper with white back.

FIJI ISLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the remaining values of the King George set. They also inform us that the £1 King George stamp has just been issued in the colony, though catalogued nearly a year ago.

Adhesives.

2d gray.
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5d lilac and olive green.
6d lilac and mauve.

MEXICO.—Hermann Focke has shown us another provisional revenue stamp from Vera Cruz, a very roughly printed and cheap-looking creation, but which appears to have some international standing. Mr. Focke writes: "Since we started to chronicle United States revenue stamps for use in Vera Cruz, Mexico, we may add the latest creation, an actual 'bi-national' revenue stamp issued for that occupied locality. I enclose the 10c value, on which appears the head of the Mexican national hero, Benito Juarez, with letters 'U S A' above and 'Mexico' below, with years of issue at either side of the latter, and value at top of stamp the colour of which is dark red-brown. The stamp is rouletted, but I have not seen the usual 'talon' as is customary with Mexican Bill stamps, to be affixed to the duplicate of a draft."

NIGERIA.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the new set from this Colony, the design being the De La Rue key plates like the Northern Nigeria King George stamps. As noted some time since, the last of the white-backed paper was used in printing these stamps. Whitfield King & Co. also reports this set.

Adhesives.

½d green.
1d scarlet.
2d gray.
2½d ultramarine.
3d violet on yellow tint.
4d black and red on yellow tint.
6d lilac and mauve.
1sh black on green tint.
2sh 6d black and red on blue.
5sh green and red on yellow tint.
10sh green and red on green tint.
1 violet and black on red.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—The ½d of 1913 has been overprinted "Official," according to *Champion's Bulletin.*

VENEZUELA.—Hermann Focke sends us a specimen of what appears to be the first of a new series of stamps. It is evidently engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co., though the imprint does not appear on the single stamps. The portrait is of Simon Bolivar, standing, face turned three-quarters to the right, half length, with right hand thrust into the breast of his coat. The figure is much smaller than in other series. "E. E. U. U. de Venezuela" appears in a curved line above the portrait, with "Correos" at either side, reading up on the left and down on the right. The value in figures appears in the lower corners, with "Centimos" between, and perforated 14.

Adhesive.

25c deep ultramarine.

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Few of the hundreds of persons who daily step to a stamp-window in a post-office or branch to purchase one of the little winged messengers that carry their messages wherever they desire, has any idea how enormous is the government's business in stamps or how much labor is involved in the care of them. When it is remembered that there are 100 stamps on a sheet not so large as a dictionary cover in length and breadth, and that there is practically no "depth" to the stamp, it is easy to believe that at times the value of stamps carried in the fireproof vaults and safe in Cashier John A. Graham's office in the Federal building here, sometimes runs into millions of dollars.

The stamps come in various packages and amounts; there are bundles of 50,000 of the two-cent denomination, occupying not much more space than a large book; then there are bundles with equal quantities of ones and twos, and bundles of the old parcel-post stamps, coming forty-five on a sheet, and of the newer Panama exposition stamps, coming seventy in a sheet. Not all the stamps come in sheets, but some are provided perforated, either side by side in coils of 1,000 or end to end, in coils of 500 to be used in various types of mailing machine.

Stamp collectors freely intrude on the cashier's time and attention. They are in search of special issues such as the Panama exposition set, or the new 7, 9, 12, 20 and 30-cent denominations. The stamps selected for them must be perfectly "centered," that is cut so that just exactly the same amount of border is showing on one side as the other, the shade must be just correct, and in some cases they must be accompanied by the serial number, which is printed once or twice on the white margin of each sheet of stamps.

The office here is without any of the new twenty-cent light-blue stickers, but plenty of the other four new denominations, made necessary by the growth of the parcel-post business. The twelve-cent is especially useful for registered mail, which requires a ten-cent fee in addition to the two-cent letter postage. This stamp is maroon. The seven-cent is black, the nine-cent, pink, the thirty-cent, vermilion. All bear Franklin's head in profile, except the seven, which has Washington's head in profile. The stamps are the same shape as the old stamps, seven-eighths of an inch by nearly three-quarters of an inch.

Parcel-post stamps still may be used on all classes of mail, but their issue has been stopped. The supplies on hand will be used up, but no new requisitions will be made, the other kinds being used for the parcel-post work. The office here still has a substantial number, something like 100,000 of the twos; 45,000 threes; 65,000 fives, 25,000 fifteens, and a like number of twenties, and about 3,000 seventy-fives. Of the Panama series, the office here has the ones, twos, fives and tens available for use, when asked for.

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

Of all the stamps issued by what we now call the German States none are more complicated than those issued by the dual duchies of Schleswig and Holstein and yet, on the other hand, none delineate the chequered history of a troublous period more clearly. The catalogues generally divide the stamps into three groups—the issues for Schleswig and Holstein, issues for Schleswig only, and issues for Holstein only. But though this rough and ready classification has some advantages it is far from being accurate and a collection of the stamps arranged by catalogue obviously fails to show the proper sequence of historical events.

Although the stamps themselves are simple and straightforward in the main it is fortunate that they have been extensively written up so that it is now possible to examine them from a historical point of view. While most of the articles available for reference have appeared in German periodicals an excellent one from the pen of Mr. G. B. Duerst will be found in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* for 1898 and from this I have drawn largely for much of the following information. Much valuable material has also been gleaned from an exhaustive study of the two first stamps, written by the veteran Mons. L. Hanciau, and which appeared in the *Monthly Journal* in the later months of 1906.

The former duchies of Schleswig and Holstein, united with Lauenburg, now form a province of Prussia, just south of Denmark. The total area of the province is 7,273 square miles and it has a population of about one and a half millions, most of the inhabitants being of Low German stock.

At the dawn of history the duchies were inhabited by the Cimri, who were succeeded by the Angles, Jutes and Friscians; but the greater part of the Angles crossed over to England and their place was taken by the Danes. Then for a period of more than a thousand years Schleswig-Holstein, and Lauenburg, which politically belonged to them, were a continual bone of contention between Denmark and Germany. They were continually changing hands, now belonging to Denmark with the King of that country as their Duke, then being ruled by a German prince, or sometimes independent. To give even a brief resumé of all the happenings during this lengthy period of unrest would occupy far too much space but I think it will be interesting to record the most important events as outlined by Mr. Duerst, viz.:—

The first church built on Danish ground was erected at Schleswig in 850, the country evidently then belonging to Denmark. In 934, however it was ceded to Germany, and Henry I established it as a separate dependency under the name of "Danish Mark." The Emperor, Conrad II, gave the country back to Denmark in 1025. The Wendish tribes revolted and founded in 1066 a mighty empire under Kroko. This empire comprised Mecklenburg, Holstein, Schleswig, Lauenburg, Storman and Dithmarschen. The Emperor, Lothair, appointed, about the year 1230 or 1231, Duke Adolphus of Schauenburg, Duke of Holstein, whereas Schleswig was left with Denmark, and Lauenburg was given to Henry of Badewide. In 1459, Adolphus VIII, Duke of Schleswig and Holstein, died and his uncle, King Christian I of Denmark, (the first ruler of the Oldenburg line), was elected Duke of Schleswig and Holstein on the 5th of March, 1470. One of the principal clauses in the act of succession was "that these two countries should be undivided forever" (*ewich tosammende ungedeelt*). About the year 1500, however, King John divided the countries again, and his brother, Frederic, received Tondern, Hadersleben, Tyle, Steinburg, Trittow, Oldenburg, Plön and Kiel, whereas King John retained Flensburg, Sonderburg, Norburg, Hanrove, Rendsburg, Haseldorf, Apenrade and Segeberg, *i. e.* the northern portion. By the treaty of Roeskilde, in February, 1865, Schleswig and Holstein were declared to be independent of Denmark. This treaty, however, was never carried out, and the two duchies were sometimes united with Denmark, and sometimes independent, and under the rule of their own dukes. In 1720 England and France confirmed the conquest of Schleswig by the Danes, while Holstein was considered as belonging to the German Empire under the sovereignty of their own dukes. At the end of the Napoleonic troubles both duchies were left with Denmark, although it had been decided that only Schleswig should belong to Denmark. On the southern gate of Rendsburg there is to be found the inscription "Eidora Romani Terminus Imperii" meaning that the river Eider is to be the frontier of the Roman Empre, and the decision of dividing the two duchies was based on it. In 1846, the question arose whether Schleswig and Holstein should belong to Denmark or not, and when the Danish Congress petitioned the King to proclaim that Denmark, Schleswig, Holstein and Lauenburg should be one united monarchy, the German population of the three latter provinces appealed to the German people and expressed the wish to be free from Denmark, and to become independent duchies affiliated with Germany. An insurrection broke out in 1848, but was subdued by the Danes in 1851, and it was not until 1864 that the German Congress asked Prussia and Austria to interfere. The consequence of this step was the war of 1864, which ended by Denmark ceding Schleswig, Holstein and Lauenburg to the victors. These, however, could not agree altogether, sometimes the two duchies were governed by both, sometimes Schleswig by Prussia, and Holstein by Austria. The war of 1866 between Austria and Prussia left the three duchies with Prussia.

The currency in Schleswig and Holstein was the mark courant, of Hamburg, which was divided into 16 schillinge and had a value of about 28c. In Lauenburg the currency was that of Mecklenburg, in which 48 schillinge were the equivalent of a thaler of three marks, or 72c in United States money. The Danish money was also used, in which 96 skilling were equal to a rigsbankdaler, worth about 54c. Four skilling Danish were, therefore, equivalent to 1¼ schillinge of Schleswig-Holstein and 1½ schillinge of Lauenburg.

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were those of the Provisional Government which appeared in 1850 and the last series appeared in 1866. Although, therefore, the philatelic history occupies the comparatively short period of sixteen years so many were the changes of government, as related in the foregoing historical sketch, that the stamps should really be considered in eight separate periods as follows:—

A. Schleswig-Holstein. (Provisional Government; seat of government at Rendsburg) Nov. 15th, 1850-Feb. 1st, 1851.

B. Schleswig-Holstein. (Danish Government). Feb. 1st, 1851-March 1st, 1864.

C. Schleswig. (Governed by Commissioners appointed by Prussia and Austria; seat of government at Flensburg). Feb. 20th, 1864-January 24th, 1865.

D. Holstein. (Governed by Commissioners appointed by Prussia and Austria; seat of government at Kiel). March 1st, 1864-Jan. 24th, 1865.

E. Schleswig and Holstein. (Governed by Prussia and Austria combined; seat of government at Flensburg). Jan. 24th, 1865-October 31st, 1865.

F. Schleswig. (Governed by Prussia). Nov. 1st, 1865-Nov. 1st, 1866.

G. Holstein. (Governed by Austria). Nov. 1st, 1865-Nov. 1st, 1866.

H. Schleswig and Holstein united with Prussia. Nov. 1st, 1866.

Period A. Provisional Government of Schleswig-Holstein.

In 1848, the duchies of Schleswig and Holstein revolted from the rule of Denmark and it was only after a struggle lasting for three years that Frederic VII was able to quell the insurrection. In spite of the constant warfare the revolutionary government, the seat of which was established successively at Rendsburg, Schleswig, and Kiel, found time to consider the issuing of postage stamps. In 1849, the Director of Posts was sent to Germany and Belgium to study postal matters in those countries and find out how a postal system could be best adapted to fit the needs of Schleswig-Holstein. The information he obtained was of a sufficiently satisfactory nature to induce the Department of Finance to propose a law for the introduction of postage stamps. This scheme was unanimously accepted by the National Assembly on March 26th, 1850 and on April 3rd, following, a law was passed in which the chief provisions were as follows:—

Article 1.—The Department of Finance is authorised to have manufactured stamps or "Postschillinge," by the affixing of which upon letters the latter may be franked, in accordance with the directions laid down in the tariff of postal charges. These stamps are to bear the Arms of Schleswig-Holstein.

Article 2.—Whoever shall

(1) With fraudulent intent manufacture "Postschillinge" or forge them, and employ the forged "Postschillinge" for the franking of letters, or cause it to be done by others;

(2) In collusion with the author of the fraud, or with his assistance employ, or cause to be employed by others, such "Postschillinge" for the franking of letters, shall be punished with imprisonment with hard labor, not exceeding five years.

Whoever shall knowingly employ, or cause to be employed by others, for the franking of letters, imitations or falsifications of the "Postschillinge" without collusion with the author of the fraud or his aid, will incur a penalty of imprisonment with hard labor for one year.

The above law made no mention of the actual values or the colors of the stamps it was proposed to issue but in the *Postal Gazette* for November 9th, 1850, the public were informed of the forthcoming issue as follows:—

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The franking stamps of the value of
1 schilling are blue
2 schilling are red

and are pierced lengthwise by a blue silk thread, and are provided with gum on the reverse side, for the purpose of attaching them.

(2) Only letters (not the packets and envelopes which belong to the transport post) may be franked by means of stamps. The franking is effected by affixing as many "Postschillinge" as amount to the charge under the tariff on the address side of the letter, in the left upper corner, by means of moistening the gum which will be found on the back of the stamps. Letters franked in this way may be deposited in the letter boxes, as may also unfranked letters; registered letters should in future, as heretofore, be handed in at the Postoffice window. In order to render the postal tariff more accessible to all, the lists of charges are posted up at the side of the window and of the letter boxes, and copies are also for sale at all post-offices at 1 schilling.

(3) In the case of letters which have not been sufficiently franked by senders, the stamps which are affixed to them will not be taken into consideration, but the total charge must then be paid by the receivers. If more than the required charge according to the tariff, is paid by the stamps affixed, the sender will suffer the loss. When a stamp has been used once it loses its value.

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NOTES ON THE STAMPS OF SWEDEN.

By Baron E. G. E. Leijonhufvud.

Issue in Figures, 1872-7.

Special dies were engraved for each of the values of this issue, and there are consequently as many types as there are values. They were also printed in sheets of two hundred in each complete or double sheet. This issue shows a number of type errors and differences caused by the wear of the plates. The most common is one to four dots in front of the word "Frimarke" or after "Ore." A part of the plate has evidently been damaged and a new piece put in; in filing off the screws some unevenness has been left, which is the cause of the dots. The shading of some of the figures is caused by worn plates. Originally the plate had only the outline of the white figures, but as the plates became worn the cut-out bottom of the figures has touched both the colour and the paper. The paper was still the same, and the watermark similar with the exception of the lines in the edging, which are absent. The perforation is still 14. There are 3, 5, 6, 12, 20, 24, 30, 50 öres and 1 riksdaler. They have all several shades, the most marked being the wellknown 6 öre, grey. The 12 öre is seen printed from plates so worn that the circular line which surrounds the centre part has nearly vanished and the figures have become very thick. In this issue the word for twenty is spelt differently to what it was in the two first issues; it is spelt "Tjugu," instead of, as formerly, "Tjugo." The 30 öre is now spelt "Tretio" instead of "Trettio." The 50 öre has two distinct shades. The 1 riksdaler is printed in two colours, and each sheet had consequently to pass through the press twice. The middle part with the three crowns is frequently out of position. The 4 öre, grey, appears in 1877. The type of the figure "4" is different from any other, and as it was only printed twice there are not many shades.

Second Series of "Figure" Stamps, 1877-86.

The principal difference between this and the first is the perforation, which now is 13. The errors in the type which we have commented on in the first issue occur again in this. The colours in the 20 and 24 öre are frequently so changed as to cause surprise; and many official documents exist referring to the supposed falsification of these stamps. The truth is, however, that the gum and the quality of the colour (lead colour was used) are to blame for these changes. The 3 öre has several shades, and is known imperforate, the 4, 5 and 6 have only darker and lighter shades of grey, green and violet. This issue has no grey 6 öres, but *imperforate* specimens are known.

The well-known and quite authentic error 20/30 occurs in this issue; the mistake has probably taken place in the following way: one of the plates has been damaged, and when replacing it with a good one the frame of the 30 öre (the plates were in sections) came to be inserted by mistake. When comparing the frames of the 20 öre and the 30 öre, we can distinctly see that this is the way the mistake has occurred, as every detail of the 30 öre plate corresponds with the frame of the error. According to Mr. Holmberg there were 6,000 sheets printed with one error in each sheet, of which printing 182 sheets became useless and were destroyed, leaving 5,818 good sheets. This print was delivered on December 19th, 1879, but was not sent out to the various post offices until January, 1880. The error was discovered in February, 1880, when 1,582 sheets had been sent out. The Postmaster-General immediately ordered all the sheets to be sent back, but we do not know how many were kept contrary to order and sold to collectors. On March 31, 1880, 4,848 errors were burnt, leaving 970 out in circulation. There is no way of ascertaining how many of these remain in existence. A great number had been used on postal orders, and as the Government found the stamps had become valuable it sold a parcel of such orders, from which the majority of these stamps now in collections no doubt originate.

The 1 riksdaler was printed only *once*, 1877. The change in coinage took place in 1873, but the 1 riksdaler remained in use until 1879. When the change from riksdaler to 1 krona took place the centre of the 1 krona stamp was probably produced by altering the engraving, but using the same plates as were used for the centre of the 1 riksdaler. The frame is, however, a new production, and the two frame-lines are closer together than in the riksdaler; the stars in the ring are smaller and occupy different positions; finally, the loops in the "S" in "Sverige" are closer than in any of the other values. The shading was at first like the riksdaler shading, but later printings show both a different brown and blue colour.

10 Ore, Red, 1885-6.

This stamp, which is the first to have the head of the reigning king, was issued in connection with the reduction in postage which had been decided upon in November, 1884. It is typographed and has a very pale carmine colour. There was a lot of trouble with the printing of these stamps, and after a number of complaints had been made as regards the paper, a thin kind was tried, which, however, proved worse than the previous ones. When gumming and perforating this print, nearly the whole issue became useless and had to be destroyed; consequently very few of the thin ones came into circulation. There are stamps on bluish paper and stamps printed on a kind of cream paper.

The Series with Posthorn on Back, 1886-1900.

This series has all the values of the previous one except the 12 and 24 öres. To this came a new value, *2 öre*, for inland wrappers. The posthorn was to help the Postal Authorities to check off the stamps, and was put into practice when the printing firm also commenced to supply the paper. Formerly the Post Office supplied the paper and the contractor had to pay the full value of a lost sheet. The paper was now prepared at a private paper factory "Klippan," and the small posthorns were printed on the back of the sheet in such a way as to ensure one horn on each stamp. The edging has eight larger posthorns, three on each side. There is very little to say about the different shades of the various values. They exist, but are not very marked, with the exception of the 50 öre, red. From 1891 this stamp shows a very deep carmine, so powerful that the design is visible on the back of the stamp.

Of the 10 öre, several were let into circulation imperforate. The one "krona," light brown and blue, continued to be issued with the posthorn long after the rest of the series had been replaced by new stamps. This was only caused by a desire to make use of the paper in stock. The *2 öre, yellow*, was printed from the 24 öre plates after the centre had been taken away and a new centre made from a copper-engraved die with the new value inserted. The differences we notice in the figure are caused by the lack of care when producing the die, and the spots before "Sverige" and after "Ore" are caused by unsuccessful efforts to "doctor" part of a defective plate. We have also specimens where the outer centre ring is broken and which was caused by careless soldering of the new middle piece to the old frames. Two printings were made of this stamp in 1891 and 1892. The first print has a number of sheets with a slightly darker colour.

10/12 and 10/24, 1889.

In 1889 the Postal Authorities decided to use up the large stock of the old 12 and 24 öre stamps in their possession and to surcharge them in a dark colour "Tio öre" and a design to hide the old value. They were surcharged in blue and the entire print was made on stamps of perforation 13. The 10/12 was issued in numbers about ten times as numerous as the 10/24 (correct figures 1,957,000, 204,400); the 10/24 has two different shades like the original issue.

Double-Coloured "Figure" Stamps, 1892.

A new design was brought out, 1892, for all the lower values (2, 3, and 4 öre), and a new value, the 1 öre, was added. They were printed on the same kind of paper as the line-engraved stamps issued the year before. The frame is the same for each value. For the 1 öre and 3 öre the first printing was done at the same time, as the brown colour permitted this. The second colour was printed in afterwards. Inverted watermarks are known in all the four values. Of the 1 öre, brown and blue, there are a few imperforate sheets known to have got into circulation. The 2 öre has several shades on account of the great many printings. I have seen no imperforate 2 öres. The 3 öre varies very slightly in shade. This value was considered unnecessary already, 1896, and the printing stopped. When, however, the 15 öre stamp was issued shortly afterwards and together with the 3 öre could be used for international postal orders (maximum 25fr), the printing of these stamps commenced again in 1897 and continued until 1903. The 8 öre had by this time made its appearance and could with the 10 öre serve the same purpose.

4 öre, carmine and blue, was the first of the new "Figure" stamps to be issued. At first the colour was a clear carmine, but after 1895 the stamps were printed with the same aniline carmine which penetrated the paper (as in the 50 öre, posthorn, 1891, and the 50 and 10 öre Official of 1892) and made the stamp look blurred. The blue has various shades, and the stamp is known imperforate, though very few copies came into circulation.

Line-engraved Stamps, 1891.

Of these stamps, the finest as regards workmanship of the Swedish stamps, the 5 and 20 öres were the first to be issued, then came the 10 öre, and after that the rest of the series. They were printed in sheets of 200 in each, and the watermark was a Crown in each stamp and the words "KUNGLIGA POSTVERKET" in large letters on each side of the frame. Inverted watermarks are found in all values except the 1 krona. The first print was very *dark* green, then came a short period of printing with worn plates which made the stamps *pale* green. The latest print became blue-green. They were issued in 1896, and caused some trouble by being mistaken for 20 öre, blue, when seen by artificial light. This caused an order to print the 5 öres in yellow-green, and they appeared early in 1897. Two or three sheets of the dark-green ones got into circulation imperforate by a genuine mistake in 1893, and are rare stamps. One of the most interesting genuine errors occurs among these 5 öres. When preparing to print the 30 öre, brown, in 1891, a proof printing of the colour was made before the previously printed 5 öre plates had been removed. The stamps printed thus became 5 öres in brown colour. By mistake one of these sheets later on came into the pile of 30 öres awaiting gumming and perforation, and the control clerk did not notice the mistake. With every new issue the first stamps ready are sent to the foreign post offices, and it was the officials in Berlin who noticed the error and sent word about it to Stockholm; it was then found on investigation that many similar errors had been sent to different general post offices. These would not part with the errors, and the Post Office in Berlin asked for two more copies, which were sent. There are now seven copies left in Stockholm, and they are most jealously guarded. One single copy came into private hands through a very high official in the post office, but this fact was not disclosed until after his death. His copy came into Professor Lindstrom's possession; only a few days ago I received information that I can have it for a large sum. The 10 öre, carmine, was at first dark, later on it appeared in lighter shades. Imperforate 10 öres have twice been sent out by mistake; it is supposed that 300 sheets of 100 stamps in each came out. A few of these imperforate 5 öres and 10 öres passed through the post and were poststamped in the ordinary way. They are not now allowed to be used for postage because of the unofficial letting out of some sheets of nearly all the King Oscar values in 1897. The 20 öre, blue, has several shades. The imperforate unofficial sheets that came out were from one of the latest printings. The 30 öre was issued 1891, and has a few variations in shade. The 50 öre was first printed in dark-grey colour, afterwards it appears in grey-lilac and blue-grey. As it was difficult to distinguish it from the 20 öre, blue, by artificial light, it was later altered to grey-brown. The 5 öre of 1906-7 did not at first turn out very yellow-green, but having once appeared in that shade it has kept its colour without much variation; the previously referred to unofficial imperforation is not rare in pairs or even small blocks, but there are not many complete sheets or large blocks. The 15 öre is brown and red-brown. Only a very few imperforate came out, probably only one sheet of 100. The 25 öre, orange, shows barely any differences in shading. The one sheet imperforate that was smuggled out has made even a pair of this stamp rare. Of the 8 öre there are three distinct shades, the latest print being red-violet. The sheet of 100 stamps in my collection are the only ones that were let out imperforate.

The 1 krona King Oscar shows different shades in the carmine, but the grey colour is without any marked shades. It occurs imperforate, but is rare. The 5 kronor stamp was issued 1903, and being of the same size as the Official stamps, there was only room for fifty in each sheet. The watermark is the usual Crown, only two of them standing on end, one above the other, and no inverted watermarks have been found. The 50 öre, brown-grey, previously referred to, came into circulation 1904; we find two shades, brown-grey and green-grey.—*London Philatelist.*

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Period A—Continued.

On the same day a further official notice was published for the instruction of postal officials and this is by no means uninteresting. Article 1 states that the stamps are printed "80 upon a quarto sheet" and that the post-offices must never be without a stock of stamps sufficient to last for fifteen days. It is also expressly stipulated that each office is responsible for the amount of stamps in its possession. Article 3 states that the post-offices must take care that the letters are sufficiently franked, see that the stamps are genuine and have not been used before. After this careful examination the officials were instructed to obliterate the stamps (the word *schwarzen*, "blacken," is used). Article 4 relates to the providing of each office with a distinctive numbered cancelling stamp. These numbers ran from 1 to 42.

The set, as will be seen from the foregoing official documents, consisted of but two denominations—1 and 2 schilling. Both are alike in design and show the Arms of the duchies of Schleswig and Holstein together in a shield, impressed in plain relief, within an oval which covers the body of a double headed eagle with wings outspread. The eagle is in color and rests upon a horizontally lined ground within a rectangular frame. In the upper corners are small uncolored ovals containing the letters "S" and "H" respectively (these of course being the initial letters of the names of the two duchies), while corresponding ovals in the lower angles contain the numerals of value. Above the central oval is "POST" and below is "SCHILLING" these inscriptions extending over the eagle and being in large uncolored capitals. The Arms of Schleswig described in the orthodox heraldic manner are *"Or,* two lions passant, or Beopardy, *azure,"* while those of Holstein are *"Gules,* a triangular escutcheon *argent,* coupé *gules,* supported at each side by three half leaves of holly *argent,* and accompanied by three Passion nails of the same, placed at even distances so that their points appear to pierce the angles of the escutcheon."

The dies were engraved on steel by M. Claudius, of Altona, and the stamps were printed at the works of Messrs. H. W. Köbner and L. Kuhl, of that city, in color on white wove paper, the Arms in the centre being in relief.

The stamps were printed in sheets of eighty, in ten rows of eight, upon "Dickenson" paper with a blue thread running vertically through each stamp. Owing to imperfect feeding of the paper in the printing press the silk thread does not always appear in the centre of the stamps as was intended, but may frequently be found at one of the sides. This paper was obtained from the same manufacturers that supplied similar paper for the Bavarian stamps.

A variety of the 2sch is recorded with a dot after the numeral "2" in the right lower corner but what its position was in the sheet I am unable to say. A die and plate for a 3 schilling stamp was also prepared but this was never used.

The dies were finished by M. Claudius and the blocks necessary for the printing plates were ready by October 20th, 1850. As a precaution against counterfeiting somewhat elaborate methods were used in manufacturing these stamps and on this point I cannot do better than quote from the excellent description provided by M. Rosenkranz viz:—

The stamps were separated from one another by a space of 1 mm., and were produced by three successive processes.

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from the second plate should fit accurately upon that of the first. This die was etched, and upon it were engraved the lines of the background and the inscriptions 'POST' and 'SCHILLING,' while the four small ovals in the corners were left blank. Then 160 clichés were produced from this steel die and were made up into plates of eighty, and finally there were engraved upon each cliché the letters 'S' and 'H' in the upper ovals and the figures '1' or '2' in the lower. There are thus *eighty different types of each of the two values.* These additions were made by means of punches, which impressed the outlines of the letters and figures into the comparatively soft metal of the clichés, and the surrounding parts of the ovals were then cut away, for the differences are recognizable but exceedingly minute. I have never seen an entire sheet, but I have examined some fairly large blocks of stamps which enable me to affirm that this engraving was not done upon a few clichés made from the original die, and then the remaining clichés produced by reduplicating these matrices, but that the engraving was done separately upon each of the eighty.

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Although excellent register was kept in the printing, close examination shows that here and there the colour of the first printing appears at one side or the other of the central oval.

The third printing produced the embossed Arms in the oval in the center. The Coat of Arms was engraved in relief on a slightly convex steel die, and from this eighty brass clichés were struck, which were burnished and then arranged in a plate for the embossing. The steel die in relief was made somewhat convex as otherwise the central design would not impress itself sufficiently clearly in the brass clichés. All the stamps, both 1 and 2 schilling, were embossed with the same plate. The Arms are not always set exactly in the middle of the oval; at times they are too much to the right or left. Even in the case of unsevered copies the position of the Arms within the oval is not always the same; it must therefore be supposed that when the brass clichés were soldered together, sufficient care was not taken in their exact arrangement.

The printers were under contract to furnish two millions of stamps in all and these were supplied in four consignments as follows:—

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Nov. 25, 1850—20,000	1sch,	20,000	2sch
Dec. 24, 1850—100,000	1sch,	100,000	2sch
Feb. 14, 1851—1,100,000	1sch,	540,000	2sch

Altogether, therefore, 1,300,000 of the 1 schilling blue were printed and 700,000 of the 2 schilling rose. The cost of the dies, matrices, and other materials required was 1,000 marks (about $290), while the charge for printing, pressing, gumming and packing was 10sch per 1,000 which amounted to 1,250 marks or about $360.00.

Although so many stamps were printed, a comparatively small number were sold and of these not all seem to have been used. According to the official records stamps to a total face value of 1,599 marks 2 schilling were sold and 8,701 letters were franked with the stamps. This accounts for the greater rarity of these stamps in used condition.



Reference List.

Nov. 15th, 1851. Silk thread paper. Imperf.
1. 1sch blue, Scott's No. 1 or 1a.
2. 2sch rose, Scott's No. 2 or 2a.

Period B—Danish Government.

Although the Provisional Government passed a law amending the postal rates under which new stamps of the value of 1/10sch would be necessary, before these could be issued the insurrection was suppressed by the Danes. The Provisional Government was dissolved on February 1st, 1851, and a law was passed on April 18th following according to which Danish postage stamps were to be used in the duchies. The revolutionary stamps were, however, permitted to be used until the end of August when the large remainders were sent to Copenhagen, together with the dies, plates and all postal documents. No special stamps were used during this period of Danish rule.

Period C—Schleswig; Governed by Commissioners appointed by Austria and Prussia.

Schleswig and Holstein being regarded as belonging to the German Confederation, the Congress of Frankfurt in 1863 authorised Austria and Prussia as the two principal German powers to force Denmark to evacuate the two duchies. Denmark refused to be coerced and the war of 1864 resulted. Denmark was badly defeated and the two duchies thus fell into the hands of the victors. The allied forces of Austria and Prussia occupied Flensburg on February 7th, 1864, and no time was lost in superseding the Danish postage stamps. A notice was published from Flensburg on March 14th, 1864, announcing the issue of a 4sch stamp for Schleswig, viz:—

To replace the postage stamps inscribed in the Danish language hitherto employed in the Duchy of Schleswig, new postage stamps with the inscription "HERZOGTHUM SCHLESWIG" (Duchy of Schleswig) will be put into circulation. The post offices in the Duchy of Schleswig will at first sell only stamps of the value of 4 schillinge printed in rose on white paper.

Shortly afterwards this notice was followed by another announcing the issue of the 1¼sch stamps on the following April 1st. The reason for the issue of the two stamps is that the first of them was in Danish currency, and was objected to on that account. The new one in Hamburg currency was at once ordered to take its place; but not being ready in time the 4sch stamp was issued and continued in use for only sixteen days. This value is consequently much the scarcer used.

Both stamps were manufactured at the State Printing Works in Berlin, and are similar to each other in design. This shows the numerals of value in large figures on an upright oval ground of solid color. This is enclosed within an engine turned oval band inscribed "HERZOGTH. SCHLESWIG" at top, and "SCHILLINGE" (for the 4sch) or "SCHILLING" (for the 1¼sch) at the base. The stamps were embossed in color on white wove paper and were printed in sheets of 100 arranged in ten rows of ten.

For some unexplained reason Gibbons' catalogue gives 1865 as the date of issue of these two stamps.



Reference List.

1864. No wmk. Rouletted 11½.
3. 4sch carmine, Scott's No. 13.
4. 1¼sch green, Scott's No. 9.

(To be continued.)

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A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE STAMPS OF THE REBEL OR CONSTITUCIONAL GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AND THE STATE OF SONORA.

By GEORGE WARD LINN.

A great many collectors do not understand the various issues of postage stamps which have been used by the rebels in Mexico. I am giving below a simplified list of all varieties known to me. By listing only the marked minor varieties this list will be of considerable assistance to the average collector.

The first issues of type set stamps which are called Sonoras were issued by the State of Sonora, Mexico, at the time it seceded from Mexico and set up and declared itself independent from Mexico, (just as the southern states did in this country prior to the civil war).

The Ejercito Issue was issued for revenue use only but the supply of postage stamps having become exhausted, these stamps were sold at the post offices in strips of ten stamps with the talons removed, for postal use. The same stamps with talons on were sold at the revenue offices and it is only natural that some people through ignorance would use stamps which were bought for revenue use on their correspondence as stamps for both purposes were alike. Also note that the Ejercito (Army) issue was issued by the Constitucionalist Army for the purpose of raising money; the army also issued its own money in the form of script. At this period the government was almost entirely military and this explains the reason for these stamps.

As the constitucionalists succeeded in their battles with the Federals their territory became larger and they soon controlled much more than the state of Sonora and therefore needed stamps other than state stamps and the quantity needed was much greater than the local printer could handle and it was found necessary to secure them elsewhere. Then we have the Transitorio issue which bears the word Mexico, showing as we have read in the newspapers for some time, that the rebels claimed the country.

The battle of Torreon was on April 2, and on April the 4th, Carranza and his chiefs met at Juarez for a big celebration and fete day and the current Transitorio issue was overprinted and sold on this one day only and only at Juarez. There should be no doubt as to the legitimacy of this issue.

About this time, I heard and noticed that the current 5c Transitorio was becoming exhausted, and it was on account of this shortage that they issued the 5c perforated Transitorio, a supply of which had been sent them some time previously as samples.

At the battle of Torreon a quantity of the Federal Mexican Stamps of all values had been captured and were being sold for use on international mail but owing to the shortage in the Transitorio set then in use, it was found necessary to use these stamps for local postage and because of the fact that there were known to be Huerta sympathizers in various parts of the rebel territory and that they had supplies of the federal stamps, these stamps were marked with a rubber stamp with the letters GCM interlaced in a monogram.

For some time prior to this, a new set had been announced and looked for and it has just made its appearance. The set of revenues which appeared sometime ago was mistaken by some people for the new postage stamps, but they were not sold for postage purposes, although I have seen copies of the 5c which were used on cover and are not made to order.

Taken as a whole these stamps are all clean and free from any speculative taint and deserve the attention of collectors as much as any stamps ever issued.

Every collector has at one time or another wished to plate a sheet. Here we all have the opportunity and it does not require any guesswork.

SIMPLIFIED CHECK LIST.

Sonora and Constitucional Mexico.

So many collectors have written me requesting a simplified list of Sonoras that I feel that I am supplying a want in preparing the list which is given below.

In this list I am paying no attention to the plating of the various stamps and am only listing distinct minor varieties. No attention is paid to the varieties which are only distinguishable by the paper or by plating and careful comparison with similar stamps.

To those who want a representative collection of these stamps this list will serve as an accurate guide and even at that there are a few of the stamps listed below which are real rarities.

It is my intention to write an exhaustive list of these stamps and publish in book form. However, it is yet too early to do this as new varieties of considerable interest are appearing or are being found in the early issues almost every week.

There are but three different types of the Sonora issues.

Type I. With heavy, thick figure of value.

Type II. With medium, wide, roman type figure of value.

Type III. With thin gothic figure of value.

All of these types are also in the values with the green seal added.

SONORA.

Description—Stamps number 1 to 8 are all printed on hard white wove paper and embossed with a colorless control word Constitucional. Number 1 is perforated on bottom and both sides. Nos. 2 to 7 are rouletted in colorless lines on bottom and both sides. No. 8 is rouletted all around in black lines.

1. 5c black and red. Perforated. Type I.
   (a) error CENTAVOB at right side.
2. 1c black and red. Rouletted. Type II.
3. 2c black and red. Rouletted. Type I.
   (a) error figure of value is Type II.
4. 3c black and red. Rouletted. Type I.
5. 5c black and red. Rouletted. Type I.
   (a) error CENTAVOB at right side.
6. 10c black and red. Rouletted. Type II.
7. 5c black and red. Rouletted. Type III.
8. 5c black and red. Rouletted. Type III.
   (a) error MARO.

Description—Numbers 9 to 15 are simply the above varieties on the same paper, Nos. 2 to 8 with the embossed word left off and the green seal applied in its stead.

9. 1c black, red and green. Rouletted in colorless lines. Type II.
10. 2c black, red and green. Rouletted in colorless lines. Type I.
    (a) error figure of value is Type II.
11. 3c black, red and green. Rouletted in colorless lines. Type I.
12. 5c black, red and green. Rouletted in colorless lines. Type I.
    (a) error CENTAVOB at right side.
13. 10c black, red and green. Rouletted in colorless lines. Type II.
14. 5c black, red and green. Rouletted in colorless lines. Type III.
15. 5c black, red and green. Rouletted in black lines. Type III.
    (a) error MARO.

Description—Numbers 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 are printed on a cream tinted, soft wove paper. All are rouletted all around in black lines and have the green seal.

16. 1c black, red and green, rouletted in black lines. Type I.
17. 2c black, red and green, rouletted in black lines. Type III.
18. 3c black, red and green, rouletted in black lines. Type I.
    (a) error CENTAVO at left reading up.
    (b) printed on hard, white wove paper, some sheets showing wmk.
19. 5c black, red and green, rouletted in black lines. Type III.
    (a) error MARO.
20. 5c violet brown, red and green, rouletted in black lines. Type III.

EJERCITO ISSUE.

21. 1c green.
22. 2c purple.
23. 5c brown.
24. 10c rose.
25. 20c green.

Note—The values in this set run to 1 peso, but it is doubtful if any above the 20c were legitimately, postally used. The 5c value was used extensively with the talon. The other values are known used with the talon also all values are known used with the talon and without, and having the district revenue overprint. Collectors should be very careful in buying this issue as many copies on cover are doubtful as regards their having been properly used.

TRANSITORIO ISSUE.

26. 1c blue.
27. 2c green.
28. 4c purple.
29. 5c green.
    (a) imperf. between in pair.
30. 10c red.
31. 20c brown.
32. 50c magenta.
33. $1 peso purple.

TORREON ISSUE.

Description—Same as preceding issue but overprinted in three lines "VICTORIA DE TORREON ABRIL 2. 1914."

34. 1c blue.
35. 2c green.
36. 4c purple.
37. 5c green.
    (a) pair imperf. between.
38. 10c red.
39. 20c brown.
40. 50c magenta.

PERFORATED TRANSITORIO.

Description—Similar to the regular transitorio issue, but perforated.

41. 5c green.
    (a) imperf.

G C M ISSUE.

Description—The regular current Federal Mexico stamps overprinted with rubber stamp GCM in monogram.

42. 1c violet, purple overprint.
43. 2c green, purple overprint.
44. 3c brown, purple overprint.
45. 4c red, purple overprint.
46. 5c yellow, purple overprint.
    (a) red overprint.
    (b) green overprint.
47. 10c blue and yellow, purple overprint.
48. 15c gray blue and lake, purple overprint.
49. 20c red and blue, purple overprint.
50. 50c red brown and black, purple overprint.
51. $1 peso blue and black, purple overprint.

MONTEREY ISSUE.

At present I do not know whether all the current Federal issue was overprinted for Monterey or not, but presume so. I don't know just the exact wording of the overprint so will allow a space of ten numbers from 52 to 61 for this issue.

CORREO CONSTITUCIONALISTA ISSUE.

Description—This is what is called the Denver issue. From the way the revenues printed in Denver came on the market it would be advisable to hold off buying this issue until the printer sells out his stock.

62. 1c light blue.
63. 2c yellow green.
64. 3c orange.
65. 5c deep green.
66. 10c rose.
67. 15c rose lilac.
68. 50c yellow.
69. $1 peso violet.

FEDERAL MEXICAN POSTAGE DUES.

All of the Federal Mexican postage dues from 1c to 10c were used for postage stamps by the Constitucionalists. These are found used on cover by themselves, also in combination with other issues.

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EDITORIAL.

The Permanent Set—Elsewhere we print an account of the preparation and issue of the permanent set of the Constitucional stamps at Denver that has been submitted by Mr. Turner, "our correspondent on the spot." We have known Mr. Turner favorably for some time and we place reliance on his words. The explanations given by him will clarify the atmosphere of the doubt that has been hovering over these stamps and will allow collectors to understand some circumstances that have proved puzzling to them.

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Official Authorization—From the Economist Stamp Company, New York City, we have received a copy of the official notice authorizing the preparation of the G. C. M. surcharges on the regular issue of Mexico, together with a translation of it. The clipping bears an impression of the overprint which has been applied to the stamps. We shall not give the English version of the notice here as it is incorporated in one of Mr. Linn's articles elsewhere in our columns.

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Express Cancellation—We have seen an interesting cover that was received in Chicago and which bore the five centavos federal Mexican stamp with the cancellation in an oval "Compana De Express, S. A. —guagitas, Coah., Mex." At the left of the Mexican stamp and partly covering up the express cancellation is a two cent current United States, postmarked "Eagle Pass, Texas, March 2, 1913." The express company delivered the letter to Eagle Pass where it was franked with a U. S. stamp for carriage to Chicago as when the envelope was in the hands of the express company, it was "out of the mails."

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A Welcome Work—We have received a copy of the bound book, "All About Postage Stamps," by Fred. J. Melville, (President of the Junior Philatelic Society) and published by the J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia at $1.50 net. There are thirty-two plates in this book of about 260 pages, tastefully bound in cloth, gold and white on maroon, with a copy of the ideal postage stamp of the International Stamp Exhibition actually pasted on a tablet in recess on the cover. We shall review the work in the new issue of the WEEKLY.

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No Prize Offered—"If you care to offer a prize for the best solution to this problem of philatelic conduct, you have my permission to do so," writes a generous soul. "I visited a neighbor collector one evening recently and looked over his loose duplicates, among other things and was about to leave when he interrupted my pretty speech of thanks for his entertainment by saying somewhat coldly that it was odd but that he found that a certain Cayman, a country in which I am especially interested, by the way, had mysteriously disappeared. I was much nettled by his tone and burst forth with the assertion that under no possibility could I have his stamp. If he meant to accuse me of taking the stamp said I in high dudgeon, well and good; and suddenly I threw a bill on the table and departed from the amazed and speechless one-time friend but stranger now. When I got home I found the Cayman between the folds of the French cuff of my shirt. Now I am in a quandary. Shall I swallow my chagrin and open up communications with my whilom friend or consider the incident closed? I suppose that if I returned the stamp, my bill would be sent me." The course of action would all depend upon the value of stamp and the denomination of the bill, we should say.

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Our Sympathy—We have received the following letter from Mrs. Amparo A. de Mora, 2538 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.: "I have the sad duty to inform you that Raphael Mora, the 'cheerful philatelist' whose letter and photograph appeared in your paper in the month of November, 1913, passed away on June 9th after a lingering illness. If it is not asking too much, I would appreciate your conveying this information to other stamp collector readers of your paper who so kindly sent him stamps at the time of his appeal to you. To the last, he took the greatest interest in his collection and handled it with loving care and appreciation." We published last November the picture of Raphael Mora as that of a "shut-in" who found that stamp collecting softened his affliction. At the same time, we printed a letter from Mr. Mora that reflected so heroic a soul and unselfish a spirit in the face of protracted and complete invalidism that we were impressed deeply; and in commenting on the circumstances at the time, we called Mr. Mora, the "cheerful philatelist." Many of our readers responded liberally to our suggestion that Mr. Mora be remembered "before Christmas;" and they may feel that they have lightened the burdens of a fellow man and have brought joy to one who knew how to suffer.

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Roller Grilles—An old-time stamp handler of New York City, Mr. Hugo Kuenstler, has shown us sketches of roller grilles on the three, ten and twelve cent of 1870, from the *Collectors' Ledger* of June, 1888. He says that he found the stamps showing the grilles in question in a large lot of United States stamps about 1886. The ten cent has the grille covering over three-quarters of the stamp vertically while the three cent stamp is half covered by the points. The twelve cent has several rows of the indentations extending in from the entire length of the right edge of the stamp. In recent years the roller grilles have attracted attention from the specialist and they are probably in demand by the several collectors who, we understand, are making studies of the United States grilles.

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Turned to Advertising Advantage—A reader has shown us an envelope bearing at right a half-tone of the four dollar Wells Fargo and Company Pony Express local, with the explanatory text: "The kind of stamp that Wells Fargo used to issue—Pony Express, 1859-60. Used on letters and packages in the days of the early west. Now valued highly by collectors." The further announcement is made on the face of the envelope: "This envelope contains 12 (2 sets) of the Express Poster Stamps recently issued by Wells Fargo and Company Express. They were designed exclusively for the occasion by well known artists. The collecting of Poster stamps and their general circulation on the backs of letters and express packages has already become an extensive enthusiasm in Europe." Etc. The labels, six in number, are on one sheet and show the successive modes of express transportation, beginning with the clipper ship of 1854. The Pony Express, 1859, was termed the "most romantic" way but even in 1852, there were over a thousand stage coaches in the company's service. Today, the company "operates over 70,000 miles of railroad lines." Surely, many roads lead to philately.

An Old Way-Bill—Mr. E. P. Morehouse, Williamstown, Mass., writes: "While overhauling a lot of old papers, I came across a few way bills for letters sent when I was postmaster and send you one of them.....The way bills were used by all post offices in my time and were discontinued when prepayment of postage by stamps was made compulsory." This way-bill is for "letters from Menasha, Wis.," and bears the printed name of Mr. Morehouse as postmaster. Under the "Paid Here" columns are columns showing payment "by stamps" and "in money."

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The 1914-15 catalogues will have many sensational advances. British colonials in particular have been priced at figures nearer their value.

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STORY OF THE PERMANENT SET.

To THE EDITOR:

In the last, or July 11th, issue of the WEEKLY, in Mr. Kidder's New Issues' column, I note The Sterling Stamp Co., of Boston, are accredited with sending you a set of the new straight postage stamps recently issued by the Constitucionalista Government of Mexico. The comment which follows seems ultra-caustic and more in the nature of ridicule and discredit than a fair and impartial mention of a new and strictly legal issue. While I will not be drawn into any controversy, nor discuss it further after this communication, still the following facts exist. They should, I believe, be given publicity equal to your drastic comment, after which publication, I believe these Constitucionalista stamps will be given a status as unassailable as the virtue of Caesar's wife.

Notorious counterfeits of the Sonora issues made necessary a characteristic type of stamp less easy for the unscrupulous to imitate and after a conference of the Constitucionalista government chiefs an agreement was reached to produce a new issue. In northern Mexico no firm of engravers and printers existed who could do the character of work required, and it was, of course, out of the question to have the work done in Mexico City or any other Federal territory. A contract was awarded a small but reputable firm on this side of the border, who discovered their limitations on undertaking the work. On their recommendation, a noteworthy firm of engravers and printers in Denver was induced to take over the contract on a strictly commercial basis. A confidential Agent of the Constitucionalista government, who will hereinafter be referred to as the Agent, came on to Denver to supervise and direct the work, which he did very closely and most efficiently.

Suggested ideas for designs were incorporated into one characteristic design which was forwarded to Constitucionalista headquarters, was accepted and returned with instructions to proceed with the work, giving the number of each denomination required and the colors. The same design was used throughout the set, which consisted of 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15 and 50 centavo and 1 peso denominations, the different denominations being patched in as transfers were made from the engraving on the lithographer's stone to the zinc sheets for printing by the off-set process. Each large sheet contained 400 stamps and was subsequently cut in two, making sheets of 200 stamps in rows of 10 from top to bottom. In the design was a secret mark consisting of "Y-B," the initials of Ygnacios Bonilla, Constitucionalista Director of Posts.

As to the contract with the printers, which you state you would like to see, permit me to say that I happen to know it was peculiarly exacting and covered every possible contingency. It bore the personal signatures of generals Venustiano Carranza, Francisco Villa and those of several lesser chiefs and secretaries of departments of the Constitucionalista government. It was in every way a legal agreement for a new and regular issue of postage stamps by and for that government, stating the number of each and the color, the cost, method and place of delivery and the time such delivery should be made. Only my long personal acquaintance with a member of the Denver firm enables me to know this and permitted me to see the work on the stamps as it progressed. I could not have taken so unwarrantable a liberty as to openly ask for some of these stamps, though I did intimate that I would like to send some to the WEEKLY for mention. Though the Constitucionalista agent promised to consider it, he eventually though most courteously declined to permit it. Many Denver collectors were refused permission to see them and one who asked to photograph the stamps was told it could under no circumstances be permitted.

The Constitucionalista Agent was at hand during all of the work all of which was locked up at night and opened in his presence each morning. In making the transfers from the stone just enough transfer paper was counted out and accounted for when the transfers were made. When ready for the press run a certain number of gummed sheets were delivered the pressman, previously counted. All sheets, perfect and spoiled were accounted for after each run, imperfect ones being destroyed by the Agent. Furthermore, he saw the press-register, which showed the number of impressions, before and after each run, and knew exactly how many of each sheet or denomination had been printed.

On delivery to the bindery where the perforating was done, all sheets spoiled by bad perforations were accounted for and likewise destroyed in his presence. Each night all unfinished and finished work was locked up in boxes with combination padlocks. The Agent knew exactly what was put in each box and that it was there next morning when opened in his presence. I saw all of this personally, and it must be agreed that every precaution was employed both for his protection as well as the printers.

When the work was completed and ready for shipment, the sheets of stamps were again counted and packed in specially made heavy cardboard cartons each of which held 500 sheets. When these were sealed in the Agent's presence a printed paster was put on top of each box denoting in the Spanish language the number of sheets each box contained. These boxes or cartons were then put in specially built hardwood boxes or shipping cases which were wired, put under heavy insurance and shipped by express to El Paso. One of the cases contained the designs, lithographing stone and off-set press sheets used in printing. At El Paso the shipment was met by representatives of the Constitucionalista Post Office and Treasury departments and taken across the International Bridge to Juarez from which point and Chihuahua distribution was made to post offices. As the Constitucionalistas extended their operations south and gained new territory, further distribution was made, and I am informed several post offices were supplied from Monterey in the state of Nuevo Leon.

It must be considered that with railroad facilities almost obliterated, distribution was slowly made, much of it being overland by guarded pack trains. But little correspondence has come across the border at this time and naturally few of these stamps have been seen canceled. As to your statement that they have no standing in the international mails; neither, I believe, have the much sought Sonoras nor any other issues of the Constitucionalista government. Neither the Constitucionalista nor the Huerta, or present Mexican Federal governments have been recognized formally by this government; consequently the Constitucionalista stamps pay postage to the border from which postage must be paid by U. S. stamps to destination, although I believe no question has been raised as to the validity of Mexican Federal Government stamps.

Present indications are that the Carranzista or Constitucionalista government will soon control all of Mexico and will be internationally recognized. In this case there will be no question as to the validity of this issue and the demonetization of stamps, currency and coinage of the former government.

As to my connection with such of these stamps as have been offered for sale, there is really no mystery whatever. As I have before stated, my railroad connection makes necessary frequent trips to Texas over our own lines which terminate at Galveston, including trips over other lines which frequently take me to El Paso and Laredo. I have been fortunate enough to be able to purchase small quantities of these stamps and to arrange with connections in Sonora and Chihuahua for further supplies. It was a case of seizing the opportune moment and having definite information at hand; and if I am able to make a small, but legitimate profit, certainly no further explanations are necessary. So firmly am I convinced of the desirability of this issue that I have reinvested in further supplies. I should not undertake it again, however, considering the small return for the effort made.

This should certainly disprove all doubt and question as to the legality of this issue of postage stamps. Their sale does not "benefit Carranza's war-chest" any more than the sale of present United States stamps benefits Uncle Sam's war-chest. Thanking you in advance for publication of this letter, I am,

Very truly yours,
ROBERT A. TURNER,
Advertising Agent.

DENVER, July 18, 1914.

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1910	Netherland 10Gld, No. 93	3.25
1913	Netherland Jubilee 10Gld	3.75
1913	Netherland Jubilee 5Gld	2.00
1913	Netherland Jubilee 2½Gld	1.50
1913	Netherland Jubilee 1Gld	.30
1913	Netherland Jubilee 50c	.25
1913	Netherland Jubilee 25c	.15
1913	Netherland Jubilee 20c	.10
1913	Netherland Jubilee 12½c	.08
1913	Netherland Jubilee 10c	.06
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10c on 6c dark lilac, red surch. .... .40
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The only destinations to which the two cent letter rate applies are Canada, Cuba, Mexico, the Republic of Panama, Newfoundland, the Canal Zone, Germany (by direct steamers only), England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, and the city of Shanghai, China. To all other places the rate is five cents for the first ounce or fraction of an ounce and three cents for each additional ounce or fraction of an ounce, which must be fully prepaid or the letters become liable on delivery to a charge of *double* the amount of the deficient postage.

JOSEPH STEWART,
Second Asst. P. M. Gen.

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Whitfield King & Co. send us the 48c value in the new set, a bi-colored stamp of handsome appearance.

Adhesive.

48c black and brown violet.

DAHOMEY.—This Colony has been furnished with a new series of postage due stamps, the design and colors being the same as noted for French Guinea and Mauritania, in No. 1216, with the name of the Colony changed.

Postage Due Adhesives.

5c green.
10c carmine.
15c gray.
20c brown.
30c blue.
50c black.
60c orange.
1fr violet.

FRENCH INDIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us two values in the new series of stamps for this colony, with particulars as to the colors of the remainder of the stamps. The 3c is a large upright oblong, showing the three-headed Buddha on the sacred swan, with the cobra at the lower right, in a pillared frame. "RF" appears in a tablet in the upper left corner, and the value at the right, with "Postes" between. A large tablet at the bottom bears the inscription, "Etablissements—Francais—dans L'Inde." The other value shown us, the 45c, is of the same size, 35x21 mm., is an Eastern scene, with palm trees and two famous temples in the background. The value, "RF" and "Postes" appear at the left, with "Etablissements Francais" above and "dans L'Inde" below the picture. The frame is unusually wide, which makes the picture small for the size of the stamp. The paper is unwatermarked and the stamps perforated 14x13½. We give the complete list, though unable to give any designs except those noted above. All centres are in black.

Adhesives.

1c gray and black.
2c purple and black.
3c brown and black.
4c orange and black.
5c green and black.
10c carmine and black.
15c violet and black.
20c vermilion and black.
25c blue and black.
30c ultramarine and black.
35c brown and black.
40c vermilion and black.
45c green and black.
50c carmine and black.
75c blue and black.
1fr yellow and black.
2fr violet and black.
5fr blue and black.

GIBRALTAR.—*Morocco Agencies.*—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the "6" pesetas" on 5sh carmine lake, chronicled in No. 1229, with a distinct double impression of the surcharge, one being an Albino.

JAPAN.—*Offices in China.*—We are informed by Whitfield King & Co. that the 1s, 25s and 1y stamps on the new watermarked granite paper have been seen overprinted as usual for use in China.

MEXICO.—Hermann Focke has shown us the 5c, 25c and 1p values in the United States—Mexico series of revenue stamps in use at Vera Cruz. All have talons and are wretchedly printed.

International Revenues.

5c dark blue.
10c dark red brown.
25c yellow green.
1p dark green.

In addition to the above Mr. Focke reports having seen the 1c, 2c and 10c values of the 1910 regular issue, overprinted "Gobierno—Constitutionalista," all with and without the error, first "T" in "Constitutionalista" omitted.

W. J. Stanton sends the following letter, which casts an interesting side light on some recent philatelic history in Mexico, and was written at Hermosillo, the Constitutionalist capitol, under date of June 4.

"As you may know, when the rebels took Torreon they found at the post office federal centennial stamps, in all, a lot of more or less $2,500 Mex silver. As the post offices in the state of Sonora were out of the following values 1, 2, 3, and 4 centavo constitutionalist stamps, the whole lot was sent here, are to be used until the new constitutionalist postal stamps are delivered, which is expected will be on or about June 15. Of that lot I bought all that came of the values of 10, 15, 20, 50 and $1."

He also stated that these G C M surcharges were to be used only in the state of Sonora. Mr. Stanton adds: "From this it will be seen that none of the values above the 5 centavo were offered to the public, and the sale of these values has the appearance of a speculation with the assistance of some one in authority. The 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 centavo values were sent to several offices to supply a deficiency in those values and are free from speculative taint. The supply lasted but a few days, and from some 12 or 15 correspondents I was able to get but 10 of the 4 centavo value and none of the 3 centavo. The few offices receiving the G C M surcharges received the 1, 2 and 5 values. As yet no higher values have been surcharged with a lower value, and the patrons using the local and state service are compelled to pay 5 centavos as no lower values are available."

Mr. Stanton also sends specimens of the different printings of the 5c "Transitorio" stamps, and specimens have also been received from A. W. Foster and others.

The following from the July number of Scott's *Circular* will be of interest:

The Constitucionalists are turning out new issues at a merry pace. We are not inclined to think any effort is being made to fill an empty treasury by tempting stamp collectors with new things because the total value of several recent issues has been so small as to be almost insignificant. At the same time it is to be regretted that some satisfactory design cannot be selected and a sufficient stock obtained to make further changes unnecessary. The first of the recent issues followed the fall of Torreon. The small stock of the Federal issue found there was overprinted "G C M" (Gobierno Constitucionalista de Mexico), the control stamp used on the Constitucionalist paper money in Monogram. This is hand-stamped in violet or magenta, the two colors apparently being used as convenient and not restricted to certain values. We have seen copies of the 1c, 3c, 4c and 5c with the hand-stamp in green. This series includes stamps of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50c and 1 peso. About half these stamps were only issued in small quantities.

Following this came the stamps illustrated above, with the inscription "Correo Constitucionalista." This issue was printed in Denver and included the 8 values, as previously chronicled.

Last of all is an issue of a solitary stamp, a redrawing of the 5c of the third issue. Though the general appearance of the two stamps is the same, they differ slightly throughout the design in the lettering, the ornaments, the ruled backgrounds, the outlining of the figure "5" etc. The most notable difference is in the words "CINCO CENTAVOS," which measure 14x2 mm. in the first type and 16x2½ mm. in the later one. We understand that a firm in Columbus, Ohio, were requested by the Constitucionalists authorities to submit a bid on stamps. They prepared the design and submitted a quantity of the stamps as samples. For some reason, shortage probably, these samples have now been put into use.

NICARAGUA.—H. Chitraro has shown us the Cordoba provisional "Un Cent" on 4c in a pronounced lake, instead of the usual brown violet. As there were quite a number of this shade in a large lot of these stamps, Mr. Chitraro hardly thinks it could be due to soaking, as both shades were found in the lot.

PANAMA.—*L'Echo* reports having seen the current 5c surcharged, No hay.—Vale 2c—Colon—26/5/14." This indicates a temporary shortage of 2c stamps of the regular type. *Scott's Circular* reports a similar surcharge on the 2½c of the 1909 issue which had done postal duty.

SWITZERLAND.—Whitfield King & Co. send us the long promised series of artistic stamps which has at last appeared. There are two designs, the centime values being of small size and having a striking portrait of William Tell, "Helvetia" runs across the bottom of the stamp in large capitals, and the figures of value appear in the upper right corner. The paper is buff, like many of the 1911 issue of Bavaria, but with the usual silk threads found in Swiss stamps. In fact the lower values very strongly suggest the Bavarian issue referred to. For the franc values, white paper is used, but still with silk threads. These are of large size, 35x20 mm., and have beautiful views of Alpine mountain scenery. That on the 3fr shows a view of Brunnen and the Mythens, the 5fr Grutli and the Uri Alps, and the 10fr a figure of Helvetia, with a general view of the higher peaks of the Alps as a background. The arms of Switzerland appear prominently on all the franc values. These designs were selected from nine drawings submitted by the artist, E. Grasset of Paris. The dies were engraved on copper by M. J. Sprenger for the 3fr and 10fr and by M. A. Burkhard. Both are well-known designers and engravers at Bienne, the latter being master of engraving at the Technicum. All are handsomely printed on paper watermarked large crosses, and cleanly perforated 12. The new series ought to be popular with collectors.

Adhesives.

10c red on buff.
12c brown on buff.
15c purple on buff.
3fr blue green.
5fr deep ultramarine.
10fr violet.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—Whitfield King & Co. report that the official stamps are now overprinted with tall, thin type instead of small block letters as formerly.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—*The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* is informed that the ½d and 1d stamps of the current issue are to be had in rolls, imperforate at the sides. The rolls are sold at £5 0sh 3d for the 1d and £2 10sh 3d for the ½d.

VENEZUELA.—Hermann Focke informs us that the 25c stamp was one of a series of three stamps for postal purposes. There is also a set of the same design, but inscribed "Instruccion," with values running from 5c to 20b.

Adhesives.

5c green.
10c red.
25c deep ultramarine.

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GEORGE W. LINN.

The most interesting stamp of the day in the Mexican muddle is the current Federal Mexican set with the letters G C M in a monogram rubber stamped on the various values from 1c to 1 Peso.

An enterprising Mexican at Hermosillo writes me: "I bought the whole stock that came of the high values, 10c, 15c, 20c, 50c and $1.00. You will see by that, that no one except myself, can sell complete sets. The Post Office sold me those values as they had a good stock of the same values, but in Constitucionalist stamps." The same person says "only one sheet of 5c was surcharged in red and one in green and I bought the whole lot."

This party is an enterprising fabricator for I have seen and own some of his "cornered" stamps on covers and the latest "dope" is to go easy on paying him the price of $6.50 per set for there are a few drifting loose from certain places and it looks as tho they might get a little more plentiful.

This same party says that the face value of the stamps overprinted was $3000 Mex. As a portion of these were overprinted with a different overprint and used at Monterey it is easy to figure that they will not be any too common.

I have seen a sheet of the 1c overprinted in which there is a single stamp without the overprint. On another sheet I saw three overprints on two stamps in a pair. On the 4c and 5c values I have seen the overprint placed sideways.

Below is a copy of the official circular to Postmasters regarding the GCM overprint.

"NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Constitucional Government, General Post Office, Hermosillo, Sonora, Circular R. No. 14.

Since the supply of five cent stamps of the Constitucionalist Government is rapidly decreasing, the Secretary of Communication and Public Affairs has sent to this office a regular number of stamps of the Universal Postal Union that were taken from the Huertistas in Torreon, which will be used while a new issue of Constitucionalist stamps is finished.

There is some information that in Nogales, Arizona, and in some other towns of that State, there are many of these stamps in the possession of Huertistas, and this office has decided before ordering the circulation of said stamps, to put a monogram on said stamps, as shown in the margin of this circular, in order to avoid the introduction of stamps that would bring no profit to the Government.

Hence, it is hereby ordered to all employees of this department in the State not to allow the circulation of any correspondence unless it carries the stamps now in use or those with the monogram, without forgetting that the mail from the other states must circulate even if the stamp does not have the monogram.

Constitution and Reforms.

HERMOSILLO, SONORA, May 27th, 1914.

The Post Master General, Cosme Hinojosa to Postmaster in ....."

The last paragraph of the notice tells us that federal Mexicans are still good in other states of Mexico and that the GCM come only from Sonora.

The latest—The supply of 5c stamps evidently having given out in some towns we have received two covers with diagonally split 10c values used for 5c. A letter just received from a correspondent confirms the use of these splits. What next?

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The Sixth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain which was held in London on the 20th to 22nd of May last calls especial attention to the Literature that has been published in connection with these Congresses.

The Congresses have been held at and under the auspices of the Philatelic Societies as follows:

1st, Manchester, Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, 18th to 20th Feb., 1909.
2nd, London, Hertz Philatelic Society, 27th to 29th April, 1910.
3rd, Birmingham, Birmingham Philatelic Society, 7th to 9th June, 1911.
4th, Margate, Isle of Thanet Philatelic Society, 1st to 3rd May, 1912.
5th, Edinburgh, Scottish Philatelic Society, Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland, and Dundee and District Philatelic Society, 23rd to 26th April, 1913.
6th, London, Royal Philatelic Society, 20th to 22nd May, 1914.

Publications of the Permanent Philatelic Congress Committee:

1. Report of the Fifth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, held at Edinburgh, 1913. Verbatim and Full Record. Edited by the Recorders (F. A. Bellamy and J. J. Darlow). 68 pp. May, 1913. Price 2s 7½d or 65 cents.
2. A History of the First Four Philatelic Congresses of Great Britain, held at Manchester, London, Birmingham, and Margate, in 1909-1912. Compiled on behalf of the Permanent Philatelic Congress Committee by the Recorders (F. A. Bellamy and J. J. Darlow). 144 pp. May, 1914. Price 1s 3d or 31 cents.
3. Glossary of Philatelic Terms. Edited by the Sub-Committee appointed by the Second and Third Congresses. Published on behalf of the Congress by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons & Co., Ltd. Price 4d, or 8 cents.
4. Report of the Sixth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, held at London, 1914. Verbatim and Full Record. Edited by the Recorders (F. A. Bellamy and J. J. Darlow).. 112 pp., June, 1914. Price 2s 8d, or 56 cents.

Copies of Nos. 1, 2 and 4 can be obtained from Mr. F. Reichenheim, 29 Holland Villas Road, Kensington, London. W.—No. 3 from Messrs. Stanley Gibbons & Co., Ltd., 391 Strand, London, Eng.

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Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Hugh C. Barr writes: "All indications point to a large attendance at the A. P. S. Convention at Niagara Falls this summer and no doubt 1914 will go down into history with a record gathering. The central location as far as the Society's membership is concerned, will help to swell the numbers and large delegations are expected from Chicago, New York, Cleveland, Detroit and Buffalo, to say nothing of those who will come from other cities in Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Indiana and New York State, etc., Canadian collectors will also be in evidence in numbers."

—G. A. Chandler reports: "Another unheralded advertising postmark has recently been issued. It hails from Baltimore, Maryland, and may be briefly described as resembling closely the cancellation used by Toledo and Cleveland about this time a year ago. The label is inscribed NATIONAL STAR—SPANGLED BANNER—CENTENNIAL—BALTIMORE SEP. 1914 in four lines, occupying the left half of a waved line device 57 mm. long by 18 mm. high. No die varieties are immediately apparent, although more than one machine is undoubtedly being used. This special cancellation takes the place of the proposed two cent commemorative stamp."

—President Coolidge writes: "It is earnestly requested that all members of the A. P. S. who go to the convention at Niagara Falls, N. Y., Aug. 11th-13th, who possess the Official A. P. Society lapel button or pin should wear it from the time they start from home, so that their confrères who meet them on the train or on arrival in the city of Niagara Falls may readily recognize them. If any members have not got the lapel A. P. S. button or pin, they can obtain the sterling silver gilt ones by sending $1.00 to the manufacturers, Messrs. Bailey, Banks and Biddle Co., Chestnut St. Philadelphia—show your Colors."

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ONE-ARMED WILSON.

By Arthur Irwin Smith.

He was a hard nut. Five men had fallen in front of his big forty-four, and one would judge from his sharp eye and grizzled face that he would not mind shooting one or two more. The moon-shiners dreaded One-armed Wilson worse than a rattlesnake. It takes that kind of man to make a good revenue officer.

Being short an arm didn't bother him any when it came to a scrap with the mountaineers; the time he missed it most was when he was puttering around with his stamp album. For Wilson was an ardent collector and had found many rare Confederates and local issues back there in the hills.

In October he thought he had rounded up everything in Johnson county; still, as a matter of duty, he began a rambling tour up Old Smoky way. As he came to where the rough road crosses Dripple Creek, he saw ahead of him a one-horse wagon driven by a lone girl. The horse was drinking from the clear, rocky stream and the girl sat erect in the spring seat, looking at him indifferently.

"How-de-do," he said, pleasantly, as he stopped on the lower side to water his own mount.

The wagon was covered with a big tarpaulin. He gingerly lifted one corner. A two-gallon jug reared its neck invitingly. The girl semingly had not noticed his movement.

"What are you taking to town today?" asked Wilson, in a friendly tone.

"Buttermilk," said the girl. Her horse had finished drinking, "Giddap."

"I'd like to have a drink of it," suggested Wilson.

"It's all sold, already."

"Just let me have a half-cupful," he insisted. "It will never be missed."

"Sorry, but I can't," was the reply.

The words were hardly spoken until Wilson had knocked off the neck of a jug with the butt of his revolver. The mellow scent of corn whiskey greeted his nostrils. Across the spring seat the girl lay prone, sobbing bitterly.

Wilson frowned, tossed the jug into the bushes, and cleared his throat harshly. This was something a little out of his usual line. He could shoot at a man without turning a hair, but it was something different to contend with a weeping girl.

Somehow his voice was unusually gruff. "You'd better take me to your home," he said, presently.

The girl sat erect and wiped the tears from her blue eyes. "I won't," she observed, decidedly.

"Oh, come now," insisted Wilson, with a half-smile. "There's no use to be stubborn. Sooner or later I'll find out who made the stuff, no matter what you do. I ain't asking you to give anybody away, at all."

"George'd shoot you as soon as he saw you coming," replied the girl, looking at him with calculating eyes.

"I'll risk that. Come, turn around, and show me the way."

"I won't," snapped the girl, clucking at the horse. "Giddap, Dexter."

"All right," answered Wilson, "I'll just have to arrest you right here."

The girl drew in the horse, and again began to cry. "My poor old daddy," she sobbed. "He's not long for this world, anyway, and now all this trouble has come. Oh, I wish I was dead!"

"Maybe there will not be any trouble," Wilson interjected, as the girl stopped her lamentations for lack of breath, "if you'll be nice and tell me who your father is, and who George is, and where you live."

"I guess I'll have to take—take you there," she replied, still with a catch in her voice. She turned and drove slowly back, while Wilson's horse followed with his nose just over the end-gate of the wagon.

In and out the tortuous curves of the rough mountain road they traveled in silence, resting the horses now and then at the top of the steep grades. Sometimes the girl stepped out to lighten the load, and drove old Dexter from the ground.

Wilson thought to himself that she was a game young lady. "But the old man is villainous, I'll bet; and brother George, or sweetheart George—whichever it is—will probably want to fight." He shook his head dejectedly, not from fear of this George, but because such a girl should be mixed up in the affair.

Wilson did not wait for the girl to dismount, but halloed brusquely. A man stepped from the door, his sunken eyes gleaming unnaturally from his sallow, unshaven face. He coughed before speaking.

"Can you tell me something about this stuff?" demanded Wilson, pointing at the loaded wagon.

"I guess I'll have to," he replied hoarsely, hardly above a whisper, "if you are One-armed Wilson."

"That's me."

"I made it," said the man, his voice rising fiercely. "My daughter was taking it to a friend's house to store it. It's mine, and it is all there is between us and starvation. I don't mind—but—little—Nora." His hand shook where it lay on the gate

"Get down, Mr. Wilson," he continued. "We won't be unfriendly. It is not in me to fight—now."

"What is your name?"

"John Edwards."

Wilson's eyes opened wide. "Not John Edwards, the philatelic writer of the late nineties,—the author of 'Minor Varieties of Confederate Locals'?"

"The same," smiled Edwards, wanly.

Wilson's surprise and his respect for the celebrated philatelist who had sinned against the government probably because it was the only thing between him and starvation was evident; but it was his duty to proceed.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Edwards, but you admit that this whiskey was illegally made, and that you own a still. The whiskey and the still must be destroyed and the law-breakers brought to justice."

"Before you take me to jail," pleaded Edwards, "won't you let me provide some way for Nora to live, until—"

"You shall not go to jail!" stormed Nora. She had dropped Dexter's hitch-rein over a fence-post, and now stepped up close to Wilson, shaking her clenched fist in his face. "I made every drop of it, and I can prove it. Daddy hasn't been able to work a bit this year. Now take me to jail, you old—" words failing her, she again broke into tears.

"Hold up your hands," commanded a voice from the rear. Wilson wheeled, glanced into the business end of a shot-gun, and obeyed as well as he could. Evidently George had arrived on the scene.

Nora slipped around and got Wilson's revolver. The big, country lad lowered his gun, and Wilson let his uplifted arm come down.

"What's the racket, here?" queried George of Nora.

Briefly she outlined the happenings of the morning. George grunted. "You'd better leave," he said to Wilson, "and forget it."

"Now, look here, friend," said Wilson, "I've got to do my duty, and if I can't do it this time I'll have to come back with enough men to do it later. Now let's settle down and talk business. Are you this girl's sweetheart?"

"I am," responded George, decidedly.

"Well, you go get the preacher while Nora fixes me up a bite of dinner. We will talk over everything with the preacher and maybe we can fix up this without trouble. You can keep my gun," he added, as an afterthought.

"Go, George," said Nora, as he hesitated.

"Well," began Wilson, as soon as George was out of sight, "how much money would that load of booze bring you? There are eight two-gallon jugs by my count."

"About twenty-five dollars, I guess," answered Edwards.

"And the still?"

"Nothing. We never want to use it again—after this time."

"Now, look here, Mr. Edwards, I've got you people dead to rights, but I'll concede a lot. If you and George and Nora will sign an agreement never to violate the law any more, I will not prosecute. You must let me destroy the evidence, however."

"Go ahead," agreed Edwards, despairingly.

Wilson took the jugs out one by one and broke them against each other. The yard was full of trickling whiskey. Then Edwards pointed the way to the still, and in thirty minutes, that, too, was a total wreck.

By that time Nora announced dinner and Wilson went in and partook of a frugal meal of cornbread and bacon, canned fruits, and real buttermilk. After dinner they drew up the agreement and Edwards signed it with the beautiful signature that had graced many a sparkling monograph in his earlier days of philatelic study.

In the conversation that followed Wilson learned enough of Edwards' private life to make his admiration for the personality of the man equal to that he already felt for him as a student and author. It seemed that Edwards was formally Professor of Modern Languages at the State University; but about five years before had resigned on account of ill health and had come to the mountains. His savings soon went and he tried to eke out a miserable existence by light farming.

In the present season, Nora, who had changed from a slim-shanked lass of thirteen into a beautiful young lady of the mountains during the intervening five years, took things into her own hands. Hardly realizing the seriousness of the offense, with her sweetheart's assistance she had done some successful distilling. George was the son of a well-to-do farmer in the valley, and in spite of his lack of respect for the law Edwards seemed to think highly of him.

Wilson had become so deeply interested in the discoveries he had made that he had hardly noticed the passage of time. At last he remembered that it was about time for George's return. "Here," he said,, drawing out a big leather wallet and extracting five five-dollar bills, "is the value of your stuff."

Again Edward's voice failed him, and he could only whisper his thanks. Nora looked on in wide-eyed wonder. Wilson gruffly changed the subject.

When George saw the broken jugs on the ground, he ripped out an oath in spite of the preacher's presence. Rushing into the cabin, he grabbed Wilson by the throat. "You dog," he growled, shaking him soundly, " you just wanted to get me out of the way so you could break up that stuff, did you? I'll fix you, you —"

"Stop, George, stop," interceded Nora. With the preacher's assistance he was quieted.

Nora whispered a few words. Instantly his anger faded and he turned shamefacedly to Wilson. "Excuse me," he said, blurting out the only words of apology he could remember.

"On one condition," Wilson replied, rubbing his throat ruefully, "and that is that you marry this girl immediately. That is what I wanted the preacher for. She needs somebody besides a sickly dad to look after her—not meaning, however, that she can't handle things herself in an emergency."

So the ceremony was said there in the cabin hallway, and Wilson, crabbed old bachelor that he was, looked on with a queer lump in his throat. Edwards cried and Wilson hastily said a terse goodbye.

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FIRST ISSUE.

On February 18th, 1864, the following notice was issued from Kiel by the joint Commissioners of Austria and Prussia relating to the issue of new stamps:—

From the first of the following month new stamps can be obtained at all post offices in the Duchies of Holstein and Lauenburg. These new stamps will be printed like those in use at present in blue, and of the value of 1¼sch courant or 4sch Danish currency.

From the same date Danish stamps cannot be used any longer for the franking of letters in both Duchies. All post offices are hereby instructed to forward to headquarters at the beginning of next month all such stamps they may have in stock.

All persons having such stamps in their possession and wishing to exchange same for new stamps, must apply to the post offices before the first of next month.

The design of the new stamps obviously owes its inspiration to the 1853 design for Denmark. In the center is a circular uncolored space containing the value "1¼ SCHILLING CRT." in three lines. This is enclosed within a square frame having posthorns in each of the four corners. In the frame are the letters "HRZGL" at the left; "POST" at the top; and "FRM" at the right. This is an abbreviation for "Herzogliche Post Freimarke" meaning "Ducal Postage Stamp." At the bottom of the frame is "4 S. R. M." *i. e.* "4 Skilling Reichs Münze" (4 skilling Reichs Mark or Danish currency). The spandrels are filled with wavy lines.

The stamps were lithographed by Köbner and Co., of Altona, in sheets of 100 in ten rows of ten. Before printing, the paper was covered with an underprint of wavy lines, of a grayish color, in metallic oxide which only becomes visible by chemical action. The fumes of sulpheretted hydrogen will cause the under-print to show. In the upper margin the inscription "HERZOGLICHE POST FREIMARKEN" appears in the wavy lines and in the central portion of each stamp a capital "P" was also left clear of the under-print. There are three types of this stamp, printed from different stones, which appeared in the order in which they are described, viz:—

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The stamps were printed on white wove paper and they were issued in imperforate condition, though both types I and III are known rouletted. As the rouletting was, however, entirely unofficial the philatelic interest of these varieties is slight.



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SECOND ISSUE.

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stamps would have to be altered and instead of being inscribed with an equivalent value in Danish currency they would have the value denoted according to the currency of Lauenburg. To give a little more time to get rid of the stock in hand of the former issue, the stamps of the new issue were not placed in circulation until about the end of May, 1864.

The design is somewhat similar to that of the preceding issue, but the numerals of value in the center are much larger and double-lined. Also, instead of being confined within a circle the value is in a square frame with "SCHILLING CRT." in an upturned curve below and with small ornaments in each of the angles. In the right hand side of the frame the lettering, indicating Freimarken, now consists of "F R M R K," thus balancing the five letters on the opposite side. At the base the inscription reads "1½ S L M"—(Schilling Lauenburg Münze), that is "schilling of Lauenburg currency." The underprint, consisting of a pattern of diagonal lines, is in pink and, as in the previous stamps, the letter "P" shows in the centre of each stamp clear of the underprint. The stamps, like the former issue, were lithographed in sheets of 100 by Köbner and Co., of Altona. They are rouletted in line about 8. In payment of postage to foreign countries this stamp is considered the equivalent of 1 silbergroschen, although the silbergroschen was really worth 1⅓ schilling.

The local rate at Altona and Kiel was ¾ schilling and as no stamp of this value was provided for the use of the public an official edict was published on November 22nd, 1864, permitting the 1¼sch stamp to be cut into halves, diagonally, and each portion then served for the prepayment of the local rate. These bi-sected stamps are, therefore, quite legitimate provisionals. They were allowed to be used for a period of about four months until an official notice (dated March 31st, 1865) stated their further use would not be permitted.



Reference List.

May 1864. Lithographed, Rouletted 8.
6. 1¼sch blue, Scott's No. 18.

Period E—Schleswig and Holstein: Governed by Prussia and Austria Combined.

In the year 1865, prior to the Convention of Gastein, stamps were issued under the authority of Austria and Prussia for the whole territory comprised in the duchies. One of the chief reasons for this step was that of finance, considerable economy being effected by having one instead of two postal administrations. At the same time the head office was removed to Flensburg, this place being considered the most centrally situated.

The first stamp to appear bore the facial value of ½ schilling. This stamp, like those previously issued for Schleswig, was manufactured at the State Printing Works, in Berlin. The design is similar to the Schleswig stamps of 1864 but with the upper inscription altered to "SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN" and the lower one to "SCHILLING." The stamps were printed in sheets of 100, in ten rows of ten, upon white wove paper, and were rouletted in line about 11½. This value was intended for local letters and superseded the split stamps which had been allowed to be used previously. It was issued on February 22nd, 1865.

On June 1st, following, another value of similar design but of the value of 1¼ schilling was issued.

The 1¼sch, not being the exact equivalent of 1 silbergroschen, a decree was published on August 5th, 1865, authorizing the issue of 1⅓sch stamps—the exact value of a silbergroschen. It was stated, at the same time, that for the future this value must be affixed to all letters addresed to places within the German-Austrian Postal Union. This stamp differs a little from the two preceding values for the whole of the value is now denoted in the center, viz:—1⅓ SCHILLING (=1sgr). This occupies three lines and in the lower part of the inscribed band a star takes the place of the word "SCHILLING."

On the 30th of June, 1865, the duchies concluded a convention with Denmark fixing the rate on single letters to that country at 2 schilling. This led to the issue of another stamp, similar in design to the ½sch, but with a large numeral "2" in the center.

In September, 1865, another addition to the set was made—a 4sch stamp being issued as representing the 3 silbergroschen rate within the German Austrian Postal Union. This is similar in design to the 1⅓sch and shows the value in schilling and its equivalent in silbergroschen in the central oval.



Reference List.

1865. No. wmk. Rouletted 11½.
7. ½sch carmine, Scott's No. 3.
8. 1¼sch green, Scott's No. 4.
9. 1⅓sch lilac, Scott's No. 5.
10. 2sch ultramarine, Scott's No. 6.
11. 4sch bistre, Scott's No. 7.

Period F—Schleswig Governed by Prussia.

Shortly after the issue of the 4sch of the last series disagreements arose between Prussia and Austria. These were patched up and resulted in the Convention of Gastein by the terms of which Schleswig was awarded to Prussia, while Austria received Holstein and Lauenburg. The natural result was that separate series for the two duchies were again required. It was also intended to issue special stamps for Lauenburg but this fell through as

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The new stamps for Schleswig were issued on November 1st, 1865, the denominations being exactly the same as those previously in use. The designs were similar to those of the Schleswig-Holstein issue of 1865 but with the upper inscription altered to "HERZOGTH. SCHLESWIG."

These stamps, like those of the preceding series, were manufactured at the State Printing Works in Berlin. They were printed in sheets of 100 on white wove paper, and were rouletted 11½.

The 1¼sch varies considerably in color being found in numerous shades of lilac, mauve and purple, and also in an almost pure grey.

Reference List.

Nov. 1st, 1865. Rouletted 11½.

12. ½sch green, Scott's No. 8.
13. 1¼sch lilac, Scott's No. 10 or 10a.
14. 1⅓sch rose, Scott's No. 11.
15. 2sch ultramarine, Scott's No. 12.
16. 4sch greybrown, Scott's No. 14.

Period G—Holstein: Governed by Austria.

FIRST ISSUE.

Co-incident with the issue of separate stamps for Schleswig a separate series was also issued for Holstein. An official notice, dated from Kiel, October 5th, 1865, informed the public that the series heretofore in common use in both duchies would be replaced by a new series on November 1st following and that thereafter only the new stamps would be accepted for postal service within the Duchy of Holstein.

The values in the new set corresponded with those previously in use and were also similar to those in the series provided for Schleswig. The five values fall into two types: the ½, 1¼ and 2sch being of one design and the 1⅓ and 4sch of another.

In the first of these the numerals of values are shown in the center on an oval of solid color while the inscriptions on the surrounding frame are in white letters on a colored ground. These inscriptions are "HERZOGTH. HOLSTEIN" in the upper part, and "SCHILLING" in the lower, small stars separating them from each other.

The design for the 1⅓ and 4sch is exactly like that employed in the previous series for the combined use of the duchies, the value in the center having its equivalent value shown in silbergroschen.

The dies were engraved by M. Claudius and the stamps were printed in sheets of 100 by Messrs. Köbner & Co. of Altona. They were printed on white wove paper and were rouletted 8. The stamps were embossed but the relief is very poor and much inferior to the stamps of similar type printed by the State Printing Works, Berlin.



Reference List.

Nov. 1st, 1865. Rouletted 8.

17. ½sch pale green, Scott's No. 19.
18. 1¼sch pale mauve, Scott's No. 20.
19. 1⅓sch carmine, Scott's No. 23.
20. 2sch pale blue, Scott's No. 21.
21. 4sch bistre, Scott's No. 25.

SECOND ISSUE.

The design of the stamps with inscriptions in white on color did not meet with the approval of the authorities though they accepted them. When, however, new supplies of the 1¼ and 2 schilling were required in March and August, 1866, respectively, the opportunity was taken of changing the design. In this second issue, therefore, the inscriptions are in color on an engine turned band. These values were not embossed, though, like the similar values of the first issue, they were printed by Messrs. Köbner and Co. The stamps were printed in sheets of 100 on white wove paper and though normally rouletted 8 both values may be found rouletted 7.

Reference List.

1866. Typographed. Rouletted 8.

22. 1¼sch mauve, Scott's No. 22.
23. 2sch blue, Scott's No. 24.

Period H. Schleswig and Holstein United with Prussia.

The division of the duchies between Austria and Prussia did not entirely allay the difficulties between the two and after a time strained relations ensued and ultimately war resulted. The war was of short duration and by the Treaty of Prague, of August 23rd, 1866, Prussia had control of both duchies. No special stamps were issued, however. For a time each duchy used its own special stamps as described above, and then, on November 5th, 1866, a circular was issued from the postal department notifying that the stamps of both duchies could be used indiscriminately. The remaining stocks of the joint issue for the two duchies (as described under Period E) were also put into circulation again. When formal incorporation with Prussia was completed on December 24th, 1866, the stamps of that State were likewise available for use anywhere within the duchies so that from that time, until the stamps of the North German Confederation were issued on January 1st, 1868, the inhabitants of Schleswig and Holstein had ample choice as to the kind of stamps they might use.

REMAINDERS.

When the special stamps were superseded by the general issue for the North German Confederation a small stock of most values of the series for Schleswig and Holstein as well as of the issue for the combined use of both duchies remained and these were later acquired by M. Moens. The quantities of the several varieties were as follows:

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Schleswig, 1865 Issue.

½sch,	20,000	2sch,	20,000
1¼sch,	20,000	4sch,	20,000
1⅓sch,	20,000		

Holstein, 1865 Issue.

½sch,	1,000	2sch,	13,000
1¼sch,	none	4sch,	20,000
1⅓sch,	7,000		

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

War—The gravity of the European situation at this time of writing makes a profound impression on all classes but none will be affected more deeply than philatelists. The intensity of interest engendered by the grim revelations of the past week or two has an angle for the stamp collector of which the general public is in ignorance. The philatelic mind takes into consideration the probabilities of changes in the philatelic map and in thought it tries to anticipate the philatelic developments. However, this interest is not so acute as formerly when stamp issues were few and far between, comparatively speaking, and novelties were a cause for wide rejoicing; and when, in fact, acording to a French playwright, about 1865, philatelists were under the fell suspicion of wishing to foment war between nations so that they could revel in new stamp issues. To-day, irony of that kind is without point.

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Peace—Now let us close our ears to the reverberations of the cannon and meditate upon the blessings of peace. Several correspondents and the newspapers tell us, under date of July 29th, that this year of grace, 1914, will be celebrated by the issue of two special stamps in commemoration of the centenary of peace between the United States and Great Britain. The designs which have been approved by Postmaster-General Burleson are described as follows: "The stamps of 2 and 5 cent denominations will be ready for issue early in Autumn. The words, 'Peace: 1814-1914,' will be on each. The two-cent stamp will have on it a hemisphere, with a female figure on the left, holding an American flag; and on the right, a figure bearing a British flag, the two clasping hands across the hemisphere. On the five-cent stamp will be a winged figure typifying the spirit of peace, and with a dove of peace flying before it." Who will say in view of present conditions in Europe that a century of peace is not an ample and worthy pretext for a jubilee issue. We shall welcome the stamps which typify a sentiment that many feel. We are sure that the philatelic criticisms that meet unnecessary issues as a rule will be wholly favorable on the occasion of these stamps.

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One Hundred Years—This special issue in commemoration of the ending of the war of 1812 is called the Treaty of Ghent stamps by the Washington *Post* of July 29th, the clipping from which is sent by Mr. E. A. Colson. The treaty of Ghent which was ratified on December 24th, 1814, by Great Britain and the United States at the Belgian city terminated the war of 1812, even though the battle of New Orleans was fought some time later, or January 8th, 1815. The decision of the authorities to issue the peace stamps was made suddenly, we understand, and the preliminary period in which the advisability of a special issue was discussed was a short one. Whether Great Britain will undertake any reciprocal measure with a stamp issue, we cannot say, but we are pleased that this country has taken the initiative.

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Collecting Labels—Resuming the subject of labels from last week, we present a letter from Mr. Edgar S. Bissinger, San Francisco: "Enclosed kindly find a page from the August number of the *Motion Picture Magazine* which proves how 'philately' is becoming popular. The labels may be of some interest to philatelists as mere novelties." The page announcement is headed, "Free 'Postage' Stamps,"—and they are likenesses in miniature of favorite movie players. From a clipping that is incorporated in this advertisement we take the following perfervid statement: "A collection of these stamps will soon be of undoubted cash value, as new designs are constantly being made and the first will in time become very scarce. All those who have collected postage stamps know that some series which are no longer used bring fabulous prices, as high as a thousand dollars having often been paid for an old, canceled postage stamp by some enthusiastic collector who needed it to complete his collection and who had neglected to secure it in the days when it could have been had for the asking." Heigh-ho.

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Swan Still Lives—From Mr. T. H. Nicolle, Sydney, New South Wales, a copy of the Sydney *Sun* has come showing an engraving of the new shilling stamp of the commonwealth, the design of which has been approved by the postmaster-general. The central design is that of the swan of Western Australia, so familiar and pleasing to philatelists, surrounded by artistic entableture bearing the necessary inscriptions. We read: "The new stamp will be printed in sepia tint, this being considered the most distinctive color."

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Canada's New Revenues—From Mr. W. R. Adams, our Toronto correspondent, we have received the important information that Canada will issue revenue stamps to pay customs on certain articles and that they will be acceptable on periodicals, catalogues and similar matter. We read: "At the last session of parliament, in connection with the budget, the necessary authority was given, and the regulations with respect to their use are now being prepared by the department. The stamps will be available for the payment of duty on periodicals, catalogues and other articles enumerated in item 178 of the tariff."

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Mozart Celebration—From a clipping in a St. Louis paper, which has been sent to us by Mr. W. E. Brooks, Appleton City, Missouri, we learn: "In commemoration of the inauguration of the Mozart house at Salzburg, on August 12th, the Imperial Postal authorities have decided to establish a special post-office which provides for an obliterating post stamp to be used on this day only. The Mozart administration is issuing a festival postcard designed by Jules Diez (Munich) with an impressed 5 or 10 heller postage stamp, which is dispatched on receipt of 30 and 40 pfennigs, respectively, by the festival postoffice with the 'one-day' stamp of same."

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All on Covers—A well known Chicago reader has shown us the following novelties: Mexico, 1910 issue, 5 and 10c, each surcharged diagonally in purple in two lines, reading upward, "Foreign Service," enclosed in frame; also, the overprint inverted on the 5 centavos. Nicaragua, surcharge in black, error, vale 0.12 on 50c, official; and our surcharge in red on five pesos official stamp, vale 0.05."

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Many Promises—We have received a number of promises to attend the American Philatelic Society convention, "railroads permitting." Reference is made to the impending strike on roads west of Chicago. We regret that the faces of a few of the oldtimers will be missed at Niagara Falls but there will be new ones there that we shall be glad to see. Come what may, a fair attendance is assured at the 1914 convention.

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Who Can Help Him?—"To the Editor:—I have been trying to secure some information relative to the stamps of St. Vincent which were supposed to have been overprinted "Cayman Islands"—but no one seems to know where the story originated.

It does seem strange that stamps of St. Vincent should have been selected to receive this overprinting, when the Cayman Islands are a Dependency of Jamaica.

Have any readers of the WEEKLY knowledge of what values of St. Vincent were so treated, and of what issue?

Melville's 6d booklet on "Cayman Islands" says that the Commissioner refused to sanction the issue of these overprinted St. Vincent stamps.

I shall be very pleased to hear from anyone having information concerning these stamps.

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Malta, all Geo. V, ¼,½,1,2½,6, 1sh(white) .65
Malta, 2sh large ..... .65

The 1914-15 catalogues will have many sensational advances. British colonials in particular have been priced at figures nearer their value.

I can submit some very fine selections of these stamps including many of the high values. For months I have urged the purchase of the stamps of Papua and those who have taken my advice will be more than pleased when they see the new quotations. I still recommend their purchase and offer a very fine assortment in superb condition. Many fine blocks. Also varieties of watermark, paper and perforation. O. S. varieties in blocks and single.

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Guatemala '02, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10c..... " .13
Toppan's great book on U. S. Stamps.
***Panama**, Nos. 181-2-3-4..... " .93
Japan 1908, 5 yen green. " .35
Tunis 1906, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35c.... .. " .29
***Costa Rica** '89, 1c to 1p..... " .27
***Hayti** '98, Unp. 2, 5, 10c..... " .22
1896, 1, 3, 5, 7, 20c palms..... " .31
205 all different foreign stamps.
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France, 50 different, nice collection.
***Bolivar** 1879, 5c imperf. pair..... .50
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Macao Republica, 6 var., unused ..... .25
Mozambique Republica, 5 va., unused.. .25
Congo Republica, 6 var., unused ..... .25
Guinea Republica, 6 var., unused ..... .25
Timor Republica, 6 var., unused ..... .50
Mozambique Co., Republica, 6 var., un'd .18
Azores unp. Rep., 5r to 100r, 7 var., un'd .50
Port. Col., crown type, 15 var., unused .15
Angola, Ceres type, 5 var., unused.... .09
Cape Verde, Ceres type, 5 var., unused .09
Macao, Ceres type, 6 var., unused.... .18
Mozambique, Ceres type, 5 var., unused .09
Congo, Ceres type, 5 var., unused .... .09
St. Thom. & Prince, Ceres type, 5 var., un'd .09
Timor, Ceres type, 6 var., unused..... .15
Port. India, Ceres type, 10 var., un'd.. .20
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CALIFORNIA.

Among the adhesive documentary state revenues those of California hold first place. Not only were they the first to be issued, but the peculiar conditions under which they were brought into use, the great range of values and the multiplicity of varieties all add to their interest.

California was admitted as a state into the Union in 1850, less than two years after the discovery of gold which turned the eyes of the whole world and the feet of thousands in her direction. Gold was plentiful; manufactured articles and food stuffs high priced in comparison. It is hard in these days to realize the enormous prices that prevailed at that time in the new state. A native son with whom I became acquainted some time ago told me that his father received $550 per month for driving a stage in those early days, and all he had to do was to "handle the ribbons," too. It is said that when the first legislature was to be elected it was almost impossible to get candidates to run, although the pay was set at sixteen dollars a day and sixteen dollars for each twenty miles traveled, both to and from San Jose, then the capitol.

Early in 1857, so the story goes, the State Treasurer notified the Governor that unless something was done at once to replenish the treasury, salary warrants could not be honored. The Governor then laid the matter before the legislature which lost no time in passing "An Act to provide Revenue from a Tax on Inland and Foreign Bills," etc., (Art. 3,089, Laws of California, 1857.)

The act was passed on April 29, 1857, and was to become effective on July 1 of the same year. The Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer were named as Commissioners of Stamp Duties and were directed to "Cause to be engraved or typographed a separate die for each distinct duty," and to advertise for proposals for having the stamps printed; the contractor to be under $50,000 bonds.

The actual responsibility of issuing the stamps was delegated to an officer known as the State Controller who was directed "To cause each stamp to be countersigned with his initials before issuing same to the County Treasurer." The importance of the various surcharges on California revenues thus appears. They are the initials of the various succeeding State Controllers. G. W. Whitman was the first of these and his initials appear on all stamps issued up to Sept. 1, 1858, a period of fourteen months.

The stamps were placed on sale in San Francisco, July 3, 1857—just three days late. The dies were engraved by Messrs. Painter and Company, and A. L. Bancroft & Co. had the contract for printing the stamps. Both firms were local ones, the former being the leading wood engravers of their time and the latter a leading printing firm. Stamps were printed and issued covering the following schedule under the law.

Attorney-at-Law: Stamps to be placed on the license of attorneys when admitted to practice of law in the state. Tax $10.00.

Passage Ticket: Stamps to be placed on all railroad and steamship tickets. First Class, $6.00; Second Class, $4.00, and Steerage, $2.00.

Bill of Exchange: No distinction seems to have been made between foreign and domestic exchange.

Insurance: This is not life insurance as has been claimed, but is insurance on shipments of gold and commodities. The insurance rate was one half the exchange rate as note by the following schedule, but insurance stamps of the denominations of 20, 30, 40 and 50c are known rated the same as the exchange stamps.

Tax on			*Exchange.*	*Insurance*
$20	to	50	.08	.04
50		100	.20	.10
100		150	.30	.15
150		200	.40	.20
200		300	.60	.30
300		400	.80	.40
400		500	1.00	.50
500		750	1.40	.70
750		1,000	2.00	1.00
1,000		1,500	3.00	1.50
1,500		2,000	4.00	2.00
2,000		3,000	6.00	3.00
3,000		4,000	8.00	4.00
4,000		5,000	10.00	5.00
5,000		7,000	14.00	7.00
7,000		10,000	20.00	10.00
10,000		15,000	30.00	15.00
15,000		20,000	38.00	19.00
20,000		30,000	56.00	28.00
30,000		50,000	90.00	45.00
50,000		100,000	175.00	87.50
100,000	and	over	200.00	100.00

All of the stamps of the 1857 issue were the same size and of the same design, consisting of a circular band of color about two millimeters wide and 26mm in diameter inscribed in colorless Roman capital letters. CALIFORNIA above and STATE TAX below with a diamond shaped dot and two dashes at sides separating the inscriptions. The band is bordered both inside and out by a colored circular line. In the center is a colored tablet giving the amount taxed and the denomination in case of the insurance and exchange stamps in colorless figures; the class and rate on the passage ticket stamps and TEN DOLLARS on the Attorney-at-Law stamps. "Exchange," "Insurance" and "Passenger" appear on the respective stamps in solid block capitals in the blank space above the value tablet. In the exchange stamps the space below the tablet is occupied by either FIRST, SECOND, or THIRD.

The safe delivery of drafts must have been considered very precarious, as stamps for three separate copies of each bill were provided for in this way. These were sold in sets, probably so printed on the sheet, and the three stamps furnished for the price of one. That three copies of each draft were always sent is doubtful, as the "Thirds" are very scarce and the "Seconds" much more so than the "Firsts." On the Attorney-at-Law stamps the word ATTORNEY appears above, and AT LAW below the tablet, in colored Roman capitals.

The issue of 1857 was printed in blue and presumably all values in the schedules were so printed, but they have by no means all been found. Most of them are rare. Thin white wove paper was used for the most part, but the exchange stamps have been found up to the $1.40 denomination on a slightly heavier blue, vertically laid paper. On the white paper they have been found up to the $38.00 denomination, Walter Morley of England having the only copy of the latter value I have heard of. I have seen Seconds up to $20.00, and Thirds up to $14.00.

The passenger stamps have never been found in blue, and but one copy of the Att'y-at-law has been found in that color. Some years ago G. W. Hackett of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, San Francisco happened onto an old box of papers which had not been opened since 1866. On a document issued by the Supreme Court of California, Nov. 9, 1858, admitting Geo. W. Tyler to the practice of law was one of these blue Att'y-at-law stamps.—(MEKEEL'S WEEKLY of June 6, 1908)

All of the blue stamps have the initials of G. W. Whitman, either in red, blue or black, the black being the scarcest of the three.

It was soon realized that the law as adopted in 1857 did not tax direct shipments of gold—the principal export, from the state; thus overlooking a very important source of revenue. On April 26, 1858, an amendment passed the legislature correcting this omission. Gold and silver coin bullion or dust shipped out of the state was subject to a tax of 30 cents for any amount below $100.00 and one-fifth of one per cent. for sums above $100.00, shipments to other points within the United States excepted. The Bill of Lading stamps were issued to cover this schedule.

A new insurance schedule was also adopted at this time. On cargoes insured for nine months to one year, the rate was one-half that of the bill of lading rate, insurance to cover six months to nine months three-fourths of the yearly rate; three months to six months one-half the yearly rate, and three months or less, one-fourth the yearly rate. The new law went immediately into effect and the commissioners lost no time in having new dies made. The law did not specify the denominations to be used so this had to be decided by the commissioners. Mr. E. W. Smith of San Francisco to whose most excellent article in the WEEKLY of March 21, 1903, I am indebted for much of the foregoing information says that the following schedule was decided on for the bill of lading stamps.

$100 or less	30 cents
$200	40 cents
$500	$1.00
$1000	2.00
$2000	4.00
$5000	10.00
$10000	20.00
$20000	40.00
$50000	100.00
$100000	200.00
$150000	300.00
$200000	400.00

50, 60 cent, $3 and $300 values have been catalogued by Moens, Adenaw and others, but there seems to be no warrant for the belief in their existence. All values in the above schedule are known with the exception of the $300, which Mr. Smith himself now considers a myth. Mr. Adenaw, who owns the leading collection in the country, has the $400—just one copy, I believe.

The following schedule is that of the new insurance stamps as far as known. The reader can easily calculate the values required to fill the blanks and make the list complete. Stamps may have been issued for all of them, but the values required to fill the blanks have never been found. This supposition seems more probable since the discovery a few years ago by Mr. Smith (after the publication of the article referred to) of two new values then

Netherlands

1910 Netherland 10Gld, No. 93 ..... 3.25
1913 Netherland Jubilee 10Gld 3.75
1913 Netherland Jubilee 5Gld 2.00
1913 Netherland Jubilee 2½Gld 1.50
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Mr. Smith tells me that he never saw any of the 9 month values except the 15 cent from which I conclude that the 25 cent which has been variously catalogued has either been done so in error or if the stamp really exists it was printed in error. In either case the value is wrong as 37½ cents would be the correct rate.

The designs of the Bill of Lading and new insurance stamps are similar to the issue of 1857, but larger being 33 mm. in diameter. The same inscriptions occupy the outer circles with value tablet in the center as before, BILL OF LADING or INSURANCE above, 3 Mo., 6 Mo., 9 Mo., or 12 Mo. appear below the tablet on the insurance stamps and FIRST, SECOND, THIRD or FOURTH on the bill of lading stamps. Unlike the exchange stamps the bill of lading stamps are almost as common in "seconds," "thirds" and "fourths" as in "first," though none of them can be said to be very common. All four varieties were printed on the same sheet and issued in sets the same as the exchange stamps.

The series of 1858 were printed in red as were also from now on the various stamps first printed in 1857 in blue. Red ranging from deep rose, through carmine to dull scarlet and vermilion. The paper used was both thin bluish and thin white, almost pelure, most of the stamps being found on both kinds of paper except the bill of lading which I believe have never been found on the white paper. All of them are found with the G. W. W. surcharge in blue, except the atty.-at-law and Passenger, which have not so far been found printed in red with this surcharge.

Three months after this law went into effect, on Sept. 1, 1858, G. W. Whitman was succeeded as controller by A. R. Melony, who then supplied his initials in surcharge to all lots of stamps before sending them out. This surcharge is in two types, in one of which the cross bar of the A is plainer than in the other. In both types the initials are surrounded by a double circle, about 28 mm. in diameter. It is generally found in blue, but a few stamps have been found surcharged in black. The bill of lading, large insurance and passenger stamps only have been found with Mr. Melony's initials. As none of the exchange, small insurance or atty.-at-law stamps have been found thus surcharged, it is to be presumed that Mr. Whitman left a sufficient quantity on hand already supplied with his initials to last through the succeeding term of one year.

On Sept. 7, 1859, Mr. Melony was succeeded by Samuel H. Brooks, whose initials have been found on the bill of lading, Exchange and Insurance stamps of both kinds on both thin white and thin bluish paper, as well as on the 8c and 20c exchange and the 40, 50, 70c and $1.00, $1.50 and $2.00 Small Insurance on yellowish white laid paper.

On May 9, 1861, the Bill of Lading and Insurance taxes of 1858 were abolished and the stamps withdrawn after being used a little less than three years. As they all received three sets of surcharges, G. W. W., A. R. M., and S. H. B., none of the varieties are common.

As to the respective use of the large and the small insurance stamps there is considerable obscurity. Mr. Smith says he has seen both the large stamps and the small blue ones on marine policies used during 1858, and concludes that the 3, 6, 9 and 12 mo. stamps were used on policies running for these lengths of time, and the blue ones for policies running for a longer term. Two 3 mo. stamps have been found on 6 mo. policies, making up the full 6 mo. rate. Considerable latitude was evidently allowed in their use. The small stamps were used exclusively after the large ones were discontinued, on fire as well as marine insurance policies.

Up to the time of Mr. Brooks but one die was used for the frames of all the small stamps. Now a new one appeared in which the words of the frame are in much larger letters. The band on which the words are engraved is also about one-half millemeter wider. The central tablet as well as the words above and below are also larger while the total diameter of the stamp remains the same as before. The $4.00, $10.00 and $20.00 First, Second and Third exchange are all found in this variety.

While the bulk of the small insurance stamps are now found in their proper rating, some of the 20, 30, 40 and 50 cent still appear rating same as the exchange schedule and two varieties plainly rated in error. These are the 20 cent for $150 to $300, and the 30 cent $200 to $250.

On Nov. 20, 1861, Jas. S. Gillen succeeded to the office of controller which he only held for six weeks, and was succeeded, Jan. 6, 1862, by Geo. R. Warren who held the office for almost two years. No stamps have been found with Gillen's initials but the G. R. W. surcharge is found on the exchange, small insurance, attorney-at-law and passenger stamps in three types, one in round heavy monogram type in single circle, one in plain slant script in single circle and one same in double circle. Some of the exchange, passenger and small insurance stamps as well as all the attorney-at-law so far discovered still appear on the thin bluish paper, while the bulk of this issue are printed on thin white and also on a new paper, a heavier white wove. The round type surcharged was evidently used first as almost all with this surcharge are on thin paper while the bulk with the other type surcharge are on the heavier paper.

While I have seen most values of the exchange set up to the $6.00 denomination, on thin bluish, script surcharge, and up to the $3 thin white, monogram surcharge, I only know positively of the higher values up to $175.00, which is the highest exchange stamp known, on white paper both thin and medium, script surcharge. The highest insurance value known with this or any other surcharge is the $19.00, and this has the G. R. W. surcharge, but which type and paper I am not sure.

About this time certain other changes were made in the designs of the exchange and passenger stamps. The words "Exchange" and "Passenger" also "First," and "Second," now appear in outline or open letters on some of the stamps. These have generally been considered as forming a new issue, but the fact is that the lower values up to $10.00 First and Second only, were so changed and these were used concurrently with the solid letter varieties. In fact both varieties are to be found on the same sheet as is proven by unsevered pairs showing both types in Mr. Adinaw's collection. Other changes are also to be noted. In the original type, or solid letter stamps there is never a period after the word "tax." There is a period on all denominations both First and Second up to and including the $10.00 in the open letter type, except the $1.00 and $2.00, also both First and Second, while these two values as well as the 20, 30, 60 cent, $3.00, $4.00 and $6.00 appear also without the period in both First and Second.

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AUSTRALIA.—Paul W. Riedell calls attention to shades in the Kangaroo stamps. He has shown us the 3d in olive green instead of olive bistre; 4d in yellow instead of orange and 6d blue instead of ultramarine. The *Monthly Journal* says: "The die for the new 2d stamp of the Australian Commonwealth in the adopted Swan design has already been cut by Mr. Harrison, the Commonwealth bank-note engraver, and work on those of the 6d and 1s is proceeding. Dies for the new ½d, 1d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, and 5d stamps have been engraved in London by Perkins, Bacon and Co., these stamps being typographed, instead of recess printed, and all bearing the King's head."

BECHUANALAND.—The *Colonial Journal* states that the following United Kingdom postage stamps, King George design, overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" have been supplied: ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1sh, 2sh 6d, 5sh. The old stock of Queen Victoria issues will be withdrawn and destroyed as soon as the new stamps are received in the Protectorate.

BOLIVIA.—The *Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung* reports a new series in copperplate print:

1c green; ruins of Tiahuanacu.
2c red; Temple of Tiahuanacu.
5c olive-brown; ruins of Tiahuanacu.
10c violet; Indian sailing-boat on Lake Titicaca.
20c chrome-yellow; rowing-boat on Lake Titicaca.
1 boliviano, carmine; picture of one of their Gods.

BOSNIA.—Mr. Schachne reports the receipt of a new military postal card.

Official Post Card.

No value, black on dark rose.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—According to the *Colonial Journal*, this Colony has been supplied with the 2½d and 5s values in the King George design.

FRENCH MOROCCO.—*Maury's Collectionneur* has the following reference to the new postage stamps for Morocco:

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"There will be six different types representing monuments and views of the six chief towns in Morocco; it was thought that the reproduction of Moorish scenes and types would be distasteful to the Moslem population of that country. The frames, very original, have been designed by Mons. de la Negiere on the spot, after architectural *motifs* of the curious local style. The stamps will bear simply the word 'Maroc' in French and the indication of the value in figures. The Arabic inscriptions will signify 'El Barid el Maghribi' (Moorish Post) and form one group for the smaller size and two for those of the larger form."

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On Regular Issue of 1904.

1c green.
2c carmine.
5c blue.
10c orange.
20c orange.
20c orange, inverted surcharge.
20c yellow, inverted surcharge.
50c claret.
50c claret, inverted surcharge.

On Regular Issue of 1906.

50c deep red, surcharge inverted.
50c deep yellow, surcharge inverted.
1p red, surcharge inverted.
1p claret, surcharge inverted.

For Domestic Use.

2c de g yellow.
3c de g slate.

On Stamps of 1912.

1c de g carmine lake.
2c de g orange.

Mr. Furbush's correspondent informs him that there is to be a new engraved issue which will be out within sixty days but he does not know the denominations or colors as yet.

INDIA.—*Chamba.*—Whitfield King & Co. send us the 2a King George stamp, overprinted "Chamba—State" and "Service" in two distinct types. In one the name of the state is near the bottom of the stamp with "Service" in the same type at the top. The other shows "Chamba—State" at the top in the usual form, but with "Service" in a square Gothic letter at the bottom, like the regular India "Service" stamps of 1911.

Our correspondents are informed that the 3p, ½a, 1a, 2a, 8a and 1r overprinted on the Indian Service stamps, with the word "SERVICE" at the foot, are a provisional issue, and that of the values above 1a only a few sheets were printed. The 2a and 4a have been issued overprinted on the Indian ordinary stamps with the word "SERVICE" at the top, same as in previous issues. The postmaster also informs us that no more Georgian stamps, either ordinary or Service, above 4a will be supplied to stamp collectors until next year.

MAURITIUS.—The *Colonial Journal* says that the 25c is now printed on yellow paper.

MONTSERRAT.—According to the *Colonial Journal* the 3d value is issued on the new yellow paper.

SENEGAL.—A small envelope, on white laid paper, with stamp of the type of the new adhesives, has been prepared, says *Smith Circular;* size 107x 70mm.

Envelope.

5c green and yellow-green.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.—The *Colonial Journal* reports the issue of the 5s and £1 with inscription altered from "Trinidad" to "Trinidad & Tobago."

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Hugh M. Clark, the main-spring of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company, writes us from Newfoundland that he will be on hand at the Niagara Falls convention.

—Our managing editor, Willard O. Wylie, has written us from Hammerfest, Norway, which he says is a "cute little town of 2,700." Let us see,—we have nearly three times as many subscribers as there are people in Hammerfest, which is said to be the prototype of Knoxville in this country. The "joke" is not our own.

—J. L. A. Couture, Quebec, applied for some of the specials advertised by the Postage Stamp Company of San Francisco, saying that he would "remit upon receipt." He gave as references the Bank of Montreal, "our firm," (Couture, Huard & Cie) and "my personal bankers." He wanted the stamps rushed to him but the Postage Stamp Company is not stampeded by the sight of an elaborate letter-head; and it is well, as the Bank of Montreal wrote: "Referring to your inquiry of the 7th instant, Mr. J. L. A. Couture is unknown to us."

—From C. H. Mekeel we have received the following particulars about the fire that recently destroyed his residence: "Although a good many of my stamps were in the bungalow that was on our place because that building contained a fire-proof vault where I kept reserves, the loss in my office was considerable and many current records were destroyed. While there was a nominal insurance on the building, there was none on the contents and the net loss will be in excess of $25,000, which was a rather disastrous half-hour performance."

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All postmasters are directed, therefore, to adopt such additional corrective measures at their offices as may be necessary to prevent the acceptance for mailing of parcel post packages for Newfoundland or any other foreign country unless all details in connection with the preparation of such packages have been fully complied with. See Section 124 on page 144 of the Postal Guide, for July, 1914, and notice on page 3 of the Postal Guide for March, 1914.

JOSEPH STEWART,
Second Asst. P. M. Gen.

LET US ALL GO.

The following persons expect to attend the convention of the American Philatelic Society, at Niagara Falls, New York, beginning August 11th, 1914: Are you going? If so, we shall place your name on the list next week.

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. S. Y.—There are advantages in collecting either used or unused stamps. This is a question that every collector has to decide for himself. Personally, I collect either kind, limiting certain countries to one or the other, as I choose. Many stamps are obtainable used whereas they are high priced unused; and *vice versa*, so I would not limit myself to either kind. Unused, as a rule, are cleaner appearing, but used, on the other hand, are often more interesting because they have seen service.

2—There is a law in the U. S. forbidding the reproduction of stamps or paper money, hence it is impossible to illustrate the catalogues.

3—The 1875 Special Printings are not catalogued used for the reason that they are so very scarce in that condition that, like many other rarities, it is impossible to fix a used price on them.

4—It is hard to tell whether "precancels will ever command a premium." Some probably will bring unusual prices because of this condition.

5—It is quite certain that the Sonoras will be catalogued.

6—Please state this question more clearly. Do you mean an album?

W. C.—The "Spitzbergen" stamp you illustrate is a label issued by some private individual, and has no value.

H. L.—I believe the Hayti stamp in question should be No. 137. This is evidently an error in the catalogue. The stamp is not at all rare. The type A28 was issued in 1910-11 (No. 159).

2—The Peru stamp is No. 162. All values of this set differ.

3—Canadian Bill stamps are revenues and would be listed in any revenue catalogue.

4—The A. P. S. dues are 15c per month, and $1.00 extra the first year to pay for one share of stock. If interested further, I will be glad to send you information and membership blank.

5—A stamp exhibit is being planned for the San Francisco Fair in 1915. Further information will no doubt appear before long.

G. G. H.—The New York Stock transfer stamps are revenues issued by the State of New York, and accordingly are not listed in Scott's. I have never followed them myself, so cannot give you the information you desire.

F. G.—The letters "W. W." on the margin of your parcel post stamp are the initials of the workman who handled the plate. These letters appear on practically all values of this set and the regular sets, and do not add to the value of the stamps.

K. R.—The matter of a stamp club will be brought up in detail very shortly.

2—It is too soon to place a value on the new U. S. stamps in quantity. I would not pay more than a few cents, though, if I were you. The 12c will no doubt be the commonest, while the 7c and 9c will be scarcer.

F. Y.—The inscription on the Gabon stamps was changed from "Congo Francais Gabon" to "Afrique Equatorial" for the reason that the Government decided to use the district name instead of the local name.

2—The "O. B." surcharges on the Philippine stamps signify that the stamps are for "official business." It is claimed that these surcharges are applied after the stamps have left the post office, so they are merely control marks.

THE USE AND MAKING OF A CHECK LIST.

Whenever a stamp collector's stamps accumulate in such quantity that he can no longer remember what he has and what he needs, he finds it necessary to make some sort of a list which can be carried with him conveniently. Probably the most satisfactory list for the general collector can be made from a catalogue, and this form of list is probably the one most frequently used. The writer has gone into this subject thoroughly, with the result that he has designed a code for marking his catalogue which enables him not only to tell what stamps he has, but the actual condition of these stamps, whether used or unused, single, pair or block (and size). This system may be carried out to include any defects, centering, etc., cancelled to order, without gum, etc. This system of marking will be explained a little later.

For the benefit of the general collector, let me state that I have tried out other schemes and have come to the conclusion that using the catalogue is the only practical one. I have listed the stamps I had in a pocket note book, by catalogue number, and found that I did not have sufficient description to be of use. In the same way, I attempted at one time to list the stamps I had not, thinking it to be an easy matter to check them off as I secured them. Before going through the letter A, I gave up in despair. Hence, I worked out my catalogue code. The collector will find his check list of service when he "goes visiting" or attends his stamp club meeting, or wants to refer to his collection without going through his albums. It is far easier to carry around a catalogue than it is an album, saves much abuse to the latter, and the custom of trusting to memory instead of confirming purchases by a check list is responsible for the buying of many duplicates by mistake.

In marking off the catalogue I use the following code:

Mark a horizontal line in black ink before the used price to denote a used copy of a stamp.

Mark a horizontal line in *red* ink before the unused price to denote an unused copy of a stamp.

Mark a horizontal line in *red* ink before the used price to denote a stamp "cancelled to order."

Mark two short lines before the price to denote a pair, three for a strip, and four for a block of four. In connection with this marking, V may be used for vertical pairs or strips, and H for horizontal. Figures may also be used for large blocks, as —6—for a block of six.

Underline the price if a stamp has a serious defect, or one worth noting for replacing.

Place a dot *under* the unused price if stamp is without gum.

Place a dot *after* the price if stamp is poorly centered.

Place a vertical line after the price in addition to other marking for a straight edge copy.

Paste or write a copy of your code in your catalogue for reference. By following this system out, you will soon find that you can tell at a glance just what stamps you have, and in what kind of shape they are.

For the specialist or collector who limits himself to a few countries, a good scheme is to make a list of the stamps lacking in his collection, with catalogue number, year, value, color, price of copy wanted (whether used or unused) and other descriptions, as necessary, leaving a blank space after the catalogue value for the price paid and other remarks. As a stamp is obtained, check it off on this list. By making duplicate or triplicate copies of the list, it is possible to send them to the dealers when ordering stamps, requesting that the list be returned in good order.

In making up my collection, I have had occasion to keep a record of expenses and the financial side of the hobby, for insurance, and other reasons. In doing this, I use a card system, with standard 3x5 cards. The cards, index and box may be purchased for a trifle over 50c at almost any stationery store.

I keep a record of the cost, quantity, and catalogue value of the used; cost, quantity, face value and catalogue value of the unused, and total of both. In addition to the ten columns required as above I find it possible to note the catalogue number of the stamp, if only one is added at a time, and remarks as to source, etc., on the card. I use a card for each country, and in addition, keep a total card. I number and date each card, commencing with number one in every country, and file the card first alphabetically then numerically as filled. In making an entry, I add the total number of stamps of each country at a time, and keep the total amounts footed up. In this way I can look up any country, see the exact value, costs and face value, and as new catalogues appear, can revise my accounts and see where I have made money and where I have lost it, thus enabling me to profit by experience in the future. At the same time this actual knowledge of expenses acts as a check valve when I am tempted to spend more than I ought to on stamps. Buying stamps is one of the easiest possible ways to spend money beyond one's means, and having the actual expenses for, say, the last three months, will sometimes make one think twice before making a heavy purchase that might be regretted later. Principally, however, as my stock and collection is insured against burglary, I find it necessary to keep an account of actual values, for settlement in case of loss. Probably I go into this matter deeper than the ordinary collector would.

Translation of an article appearing in *La Verdad* of La Paz, Bolivia, under date of June 16th, 1914.

REIMPRESSION OF STAMPS.

A petition has been presented to the Ministry of Government by Mr. Benjamin Chabaneix, asking supreme authority to reprint for his account the postal issues of stamps of the years 1868 to 1871, in the proportion of 2,500 of each value, offering, in exchange, to present to the Government a collection of the same from the year 1868 to 1914, to be sent to the Californian Exposition.

The Supreme Government, considering that the authorizing of this permission would carry with it authority for falsifying postal stamps which have been withdrawn from circulation, favouring those who deal in stamps and form collections of great value, and in accordance with the report presented by the President of the Central Executive Committee of the Panama-Pacific Exposition has refused the said petition.

THE GUM'S THE THING.

Eph Higgins, our accommodating P. M., says this muggy hot spell of weather we've been having for the past few days is playing thunderashion with all the stamps he has on hand being as they have all became gummed up and stuck together as it were.

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OUR STATE REVENUE STAMPS.

By FRANK L. APPLEGATE.

There are still further peculiarities in the dies of the 30, 40 and 60 cent stamps with open letters. In the 30 cent "no period." First only the word TAX is spelled TAN. The 40 cent First with period comes in two dies one normal, the other with an extra white line inside of the normal white line around the top and left sides of the value tablet. The 60 cent Second with period also comes in one other type in addition to the normal one. This is replete in extra white lines, one more than the normal on each side of the circular back. There is one outside and one inside of the inscriptions CALIFORNIA and STATE TAX, also an extra one around the value tablet similar to that on the 40 cent, but running clear around. These are very marked peculiarities in the engraving, and are in no wise double strikes or anything of that kind.

All three values of the Passenger set are also found with the open letters, but not the insurance or power-of-attorney stamps. This exhausts the die varieties of the circular California revenues.

On December 5, 1863, G. R. Warren was succeeded by George Oulton, who held the office for four years. His initials appear in two slightly different types in a single circle in blue on all die varieties of exchange stamps except, possibly, the $10.00 and $20.00 with large letters, the solid letter Passenger stamps and all values of insurance stamps up to the $19.00 denomination; that is all that show the correct rating; the various errors evidently having been eliminated before this.

The stamps on thin paper must have been just about used up before Mr. Oulton surcharged any, as those on thin bluish have never been found with his initials and but very few on thin white. I now have a $4.00 insurance stamp on very thin paper surcharged G. O. and at one time had a $6.00 Third Exchange same paper and surcharge, as can doubtless be verified by Mr. Eagle whom I think now has it. I do not know positively of any others.

Now a word as to shades. All the first printings of California revenues in red were in shades of orange red from vermilion to dull scarlet. Later printings tend more to carmine and rose.

The Bill of Lading and large insurance stamps last printed, notably those that I have seen surcharged S. H. B., are in a very deep rose. In the small stamps the orange red shades predominate down to about 1863 after which date the carmine and rose shades seem more common. None of these reach the depth of color seen in the large stamps, however.

All the issues of California have now been touched on except the last issue commonly known as the rectangular series or "State revenue" series. This from the fact that this series are inscribed STATE REVENUE instead of STATE TAX as on all the round stamps.

These were first issued in 1865 without anv special announcement so far as I can learn, and continued in use for about seven years or until the stamp taxes were discontinued.

It is known that Brittan and Rey of San Francisco printed some of the later California stamps and it is quite probable that the series of 1865 are of their production although no direct evidence has been adduced to substantiate the belief. The designs are rectangular about 20x24 mm. in size and are not the same for all values, although similar.

The word CALIFORNIA at the top in colored Roman capitals on ribbon or scroll, STATE REVENUE in same letters at base, value in words at sides, figures of value in circles in each corner and large value in central oval are common to all values. Five main types are to be noted, with several subtypes as follows:

Type I, variety *a*. The frame part of this design is almost identical with the 2c First issue U. S. revenue with the ribbons at ends turning up and around the corner circles variety a. Background of central oval composed of vertical bars broken with short angle at regular intervals.

Variety *b*. Same, background of oval composed of straight bars.

Variety *c*. Same, quilted background.

Variety *d*. Same, engine turned background.

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7c grey	.10	7c on 20c orange	.06
8c rose	.12	7c on 50c maroon	.06
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As these stamps first appeared during the term of George Oulton, nearly all these stamps are known with the G. O. surcharge in blue. Robert Watt succeeded him on December 7, 1867, and held the office until December 2, 1871, when he was succeeded by James J. Green, who held the office until after the stamp taxes were discontinued.

The R. W. surcharge comes in both blue and black. The R. W. surcharge in blue is the commonest while the J. J. G. surcharge which is found in black only is comparatively scarce. Some stamps appear to be without surcharge, but it is presumed that all were surcharged but some very faintly. It is very hard, in some cases, particularly with some of the stamps in dark colors, to distinguish the surcharge from the cancellation when only fragments of it can be seen. It is also presumed that each of the four surcharges were applied to each of the different denominations and colors, but all have not been confirmed. All values above $10.00 are very scarce, more so than the catalogue values of from $5.00 to $18 would seem to indicate. The 60c, 80c, $1.40, $7.00 blue and $8.00 are also hard to pick up with any surcharge.

A 30c brown, 50c carmine and $5.00 purple have been catalogued, but are now considered essays.

All of the California revenues were spaced far enough apart on the sheet to allow for magnificent margins, but unfortunately the practice of users was to cut them very close. Mr. Greany, who has handled as many California revenues as anybody perhaps, estimates that the percentage of cut square specimens in the round stamps is from one to five per cent. of the total issue. It is at least certain that the cut squares are very much the exception. Even the last issue are very often cut to shape as well as are the round ones. When the round ones are cut square it is next to impossible to find any without one or more sides being cut into.

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About 1869 or 1870 some values of the rectangulars were rouletted 10. Presumably these are official. The 4c yellow orange, 4c orange, 10c, 20c dark brown, 40c, 50c yellow, and $1.00 yellow have been catalogued and the 30c has been reported by Mr. Prevost. All have good margins; some enormous ones. Even some of these are known also with round die cut.

Remainders.—There were very few remainders of the California revenues. In a letter which I received in 1900 from Truman Reeves, then Treasurer of California, he states that all remainders were destroyed at the time the law was repealed. There may have been a few remainders of certain issues left in the hands of County treasurers or private users when the laws were repealed for there are certainly stamps extant which have every appearance of being unused. Many of the earlier issues were never cancelled when used, so it is hard to tell.

I have some of the last issue unused with a smooth colorless gum.

Reprints.—It is unknown what became of the dies and plates from which the California stamps were printed. Probably they were destroyed. Mr. Adenaw lists a set of Bill of Lading on white paper consisting of 30, 40c, $1.00, $4.00, $10.00, $20.00 and $40.00, all "Thirds" surcharged A. R. M. in a different type from any others known. He looks upon them with suspicion. I have the $40 apparently of this set which was sent me by Mr. Greany, who says they are reprints. They may be. The frame part seems to be the same as the regular stamps, but the word "Third" is one millimeter shorter and of a lighter type. The color is a pale orange red, quite distinct.

Greany also reports reprints of the small insurance stamps, without surcharge on laid paper in the following values, the three highest of which are unknown in the originals: $2.00, $4.00, $7.00, $10.00, $15.00, $19.00, $45.00, $87.50 and $100.00.

Proofs.—In Proofs, Mr. Bartlett reports a $5.00, 1865, in black on India paper. Mr. Smith and Mr. Greany both have had copies of the 7½c Insurance stamp (large) in black, and Mr. Greany also had a set of rectangulars from $19.00 to $56.00 in dark gray on buff paper. These I saw before they were destroyed with the rest of his collection in the great San Francisco fire of April 18, 1906.

Speaking of the fire: up to this time finds were made from time to time as old and unforgotten records came to light, but since that time new finds are few and far between. Large quantities of the original stamped documents went to Europe where the stamps were seized upon and treasured by foreign collectors who took more interest in them than was taken in this country and some fine collections are held there to this day.

Taken all in all, the California revenues are a deep study. Most of them are scarce, many extremely rare and a few beyond price; yet any collector who will expend a little well directed effort can pick up at little expense a respectable showing of the commoner ones, at least, which will always be an item of interest even to a non-collector, and will eventually become a thing of value.

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NEW STAMPS FOR CHINA.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—The Chinese Government has lately placed an order with Messrs. Waterlow & Sons of London for 200,000,000 stamps of the current issue, and from this it would appear that the installation of a Government plant for printing their own stamps is not yet complete.

When these works are ready there should be some interesting results in the way of varieties, for the native printer has, before now, shown that the handling of the plates sent out from England is frequently productive of some weird specimens. Collectors will remember the varieties produced by the native Egyptian workmen when the stamps for that country were first printed at the Government works at Bonlac.

The current issue of China is certainly the most attractive series yet adopted by the Chinese, and up till a short time ago these stamps were commanding quite substantial prices, but China is a vast country, many thousands of stamps must be used daily, and these can be imported by the hundred at a low figure.—Clipping.

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The single known copy of this rarity was discovered by a young collector in the colony among some old family papers stored away in an attic. Knowing nothing of its scarcity and not being favorably impressed by its appearance, he sold it to another collector for a trifling sum, the purchaser also being ignorant of his great bargain. Ultimately it found its way to Europe, and now reposes in the collection of M. Philippe de la Renotiere of Paris, the distinguished owner of the world's greatest stamp collection, who purchased it many years ago for an amount that has never been disclosed, but is believed to have been at that period a record one.

Its intrinsic value today, in the very unlikely contingency of its ever coming into the market is certainly in excess of £2000.

A report on this famous stamp by a celebrated expert states that "the copy is a poor one, dark magenta in color, and somewhat rubbed. It is initialed 'E. D. W.,' and dated April 1, the year not being distinct enough to be read." Nevertheless it is the rarest stamp in the world.—*Strand.*

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EDITORIAL.

The World War—The Titanic struggle abroad has brought philatelists to a grim realization of what war is and while it seems petty to speak of the little concerns of the philatelic world in the light of epochal events that will change the destinies of nations, yet it is only natural that we give attention to some of the effects already apparent. At this writing, mail interruption between the United States and the countries at war is not complete although the service of a necessity is hampered. We understand that two-cent letters to Germany will be forwarded from New York on American Line steamers but as the first stop of the steamers is at Plymouth, England, it is not clear how the mail will reach Germany unless by common consent it is excepted from molestation. First-class mail for countries in Europe "will be routed so as not to pass through intervening countries with which the countries of destination are at war." Parcel post service between France and Germany and the United States was discontinued under an order dated August 3rd, 1914.

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Abroad—The philatelic exhibition at Cassel, Germany, this month, will have to be abandoned, Prussia being in the center of the war zone; and we have not heard from Mr. J. M. Bartels, member of the jury, and the other Americans who had planned to attend. There are a number of American dealers abroad according to our recollection, Mr. John A. Klemann and Mr. L. W. Charlat of New York City and Mr. Warren H. Colson of Boston being among the travelers. It is doubtful if Mr. Julian Park, Buffalo, who was last heard from in Luxemburg, will be able to return home as planned, in time for the convention of the American Philatelic Society; and we have not heard from Mr. W. H. McDonald, Chicago, who sailed for Europe the latter part of July. Our managing editor, Mr. W. O. Wylie, was to have sailed for home on one of the steamers whose sailing date has been canceled. We are sure that no real danger menaces our philatelic pilgrims and that at most, they will suffer only serious discomfort.

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Citizens of the World—If there is any class of persons entitled to be called cosmopolitans, it is philatelists who know something of all nations through the stamp issues of the countries; and knowing, they have almost an affection for many of the peoples. They may be said to feel others national afflictions and rejoice in their progress. While we deplore the demoralization of philately, as well as all other arts of peace, in the countries at war yet we know that when the strife ceases, philately's resurrection will be at hand and under conditions of tranquillity, it will flourish again abundantly. We shall bear our philatelic friends in the affected countries in mind with the hope that they will escape unscathed by the devastations of war.

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The Annual Convention—Following its custom, the WEEKLY will have a brief telegraphic dispatch telling of the results of the early business of the convention in this issue which is concurrent with the convention; and in the two succeeding numbers the proceedings will be given in detail.

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Literature—Several weeks ago, we received Part 3 of the Priced Catalogue of the Alfred Smith Philatelic Library, devoted to "separate works" which we placed at one side to await leisurely examination. We find this instalment every whit the equal in interest of the two preceding parts. We have spoken before of the value of this compilation by Alfred Smith & Son as an appraisal of the value of philatelic literature, particularly of the early period of philately. In this part, extending from "Mahe to Societies," we find twenty-three Moens' publications and the highest price affixed to any of them is eight pounds which is asked for "Illustrations du manuel du collectionneur de Timbres-poste," dated 1862-3; the work was in parts with an illustrated prospectus. A Moens' catalogue of 1862, with autograph of the great E. L. Pemberton is offered for five pounds. Perhaps the most fascinating number in the catalogue is "the first catalogue of stamps ever printed." This is the famous production of Alfred Potiquet, "Catalogue des Timbres-poste créés dans les divers Etats du Globe," published at Paris in 1861, actually, although the work seems to have been dated 1862, at the price of one franc and twenty-five centimes. The price of honor, so to say, is given to this first of all philatelic catalogues,—thirty-five pounds.

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Confirmation—From C. W. Elliott, Second Lieutenant 28th Infantry, stationed at Vera Cruz, Mexico, we have received the following testimony favorable to the Torreon surcharges, which have been restored to full philatelic repute: "With your permission I will add a mite to the defense of the Torreon surcharges on the Constitutional stamps as I believe that these stamps were absolutely unspeculative and issued without any idea of their sale either then or later, to collectors. I purchased in the post office at Ciudad Juarez on the day they were issued several of them at face value prices, and when I inquired for more a few days later, I found that they were all gone and was told that they had been sold to the public over the counter. On the date of the fall of Torreon, Carranza and his staff were in Juarez and there was a great celebration over the victory, the post office contributing the surcharges with the permission and approval of the Constitutionalist Postmaster General and General Carranza. That some of the stamps were mailed down to Torreon and used on mail from there I know to be the case as I have a cover bearing two of them, postmarked at Torreon, April 11th."

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"Wanderer" Rests—We have received the following letter from an attorney-at-law in Philadelphia under date of August 6th, 1914: "A man by the name of Thomas J. Mitchell died in the Rush Hospital, Philadelphia, on Thursday, July 30th, 1914, and was buried at Arlington Cemetery on Saturday, August 1st, 1914. He was a member of my masonic lodge and I visited him a few days before he died. Knowing that he was desperately ill, I endeavored to learn from him the names and addresses or get some information about his relatives. He was very weak at that time and I could get no satisfaction from him. Two other men and I went through his effects last night and we found some letters from you....." Thus alone but not friendless did the spirit of T. J. Mitchell, a philatelic writer whose *nom-de-plume* was famous twenty-five years ago, pass away. Mr. Mitchell dealt in stamps in Chicago at the time that he was enjoying much popularity as a writer; and to some extent he affiliated with the Chicago societies. Mr. Mitchell was about fifty years of age and though his travels for the past twenty years were almost continuous it seems, yet we have reason to know that his interest in stamps survived through the years.

HOME FROM EUROPE.

To the Editor:

Having just returned from a two months' trip in Europe, I have taken great interest in looking over the accumulation of WEEKLYS that awaited me. I wish to commend such articles as the one in the June sixth number entitled "Toussaint L'Ouverture of Hayti." I would be glad to see a larger number of them in the WEEKLY. I think all true philatelists should take a pride in being acquainted with the history suggested by the stamps in their collection. The historical and other information that can be learned or suggested by stamps, constitutes one of the greatest values of our hobby to the collector himself and to an outsider often the only apparent value. You will have no trouble interesting a friend in your collection, if other stamps suggest information similar to that contained in the article mentioned. As a boy collector I find it especially true that an outsider often has no regard for the hobby until he is shown how much interesting information can be learned from stamps. When an article of that kind is found I think it a good idea to note it under the stamp concerned. In Europe I was quite pleased to find several copies of the WEEKLY exhibited in the philatelic section of the Leipzig Exposition. The exhibit contained many things of interest particularly in connection with philatelic literature. All philatelists would be interested in visiting the Postal Museum in Berlin. Many of the accessories of our postal system, seldom seen in this country are exhibited there. Of course the great collections in the British Museum are the best things a philatelist in Europe can see. I hope any other readers of the WEEKLY that were in Europe, were as fortunate as I in getting away before the unexpected war.

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THE STAMPS OF JOHORE.

By FRED J. MELVILLE.

Johore is a State occupying the southern portion of the Malay Peninsula, and is the nearest mainland to Singapore. It is independent, but in virtue of a Treaty of 1885, its foreign relations are directed by Great Britain, and since 1910, at the request of the Sultan, a British Adviser to the Johore Government has been appointed. Johore has not joined the Federation of Malay States, an omission which probably has been to its disadvantage. The capitol, Johor Bahru, is only fifteen miles from the town of Singapore. The earliest stamps specially designated for use in this State were Straits Settlements stamps overprinted, but there has been a good deal of mystery surrounding the first of these issues.



The Gibbons catalogue accepts 1878 as the date of a certain much-discussed and very rare stamp, the 2 cents brown, Straits Settlements (watermarked Crown over C.C.), overprinted with a device of a crescent and star. Authorities are at variance as to the authenticity of the crescent and star overprints for Johore, though the similar overprints on the Straits stamps for other Malayan States being of later date are not mentioned. Much of the mystery has been due, I think, to the supposed dates hitherto attributed to this stamp of which no records occur in the stamp collectors' journals until 1884. Some authorities consider that the "overprint" is nothing else than a postal obliterating mark, and their opinion was supported by the later stamps, overprinted Johore (or in some cases Johor), used copies of which bore postmarks in which the crescent and star figure together with the name of the town of Johor Bahru.

In my view the stamp is a bona-fide overprinted issue for Johore, but the issue took place earlier than the year given in the catalogue. Its date will probably be fixed as 1876, and in support of this the reports of the Straits Settlements Post Office show that the "Maharajah of Johore consulted with the Straits Postmaster-General as early as 1872 in reference to the establishment of a postal service between Singapore and the Johore capitol." Rates of postage were suggested as 2 cents per ½ oz. letter. The proposal was allowed to drop that year, the Maharajah being left to subsidise a service of coaches in 1873. The question of a proper postal service cropped up again in 1873 and in 1875, and in the latter year it is stated that "satisfactory arrangements are now about to be carried into force."

This was actually accomplished in the middle of 1876, and the postal convention between the Straits Settlements and Johore provided for the use of the stamps of the Colony, bearing such special mark as might be agreed upon to denote their availibility on letters originating in Johore. That this special mark was no other than the Mohammedan symbols, known to the early collectors on the 2 cents brown stamp, then current in the Straits, I consider there can be no doubt. And there must have been a good number of the overprinted stamps used, though very few, indeed, have been preserved in collections. The Tapling collection at the British Museum lacks a copy.



As to the date 1878 given in the catalogues, the postal service was dropped early in that year after a trial of about eighteen months, because it was unremunerative. There was no Government postal service between the Colony and the State from that time until 1884, when the well-known overprints of the name of the State on the 2 cents rose, Straits stamp, appeared. This new service was "considerably availed of by European residents." The rate of postage was clearly on a basis of 2 cents per ½ oz. as we only find the 2 cents stamps overprinted for use in Johore, except, of course, the 24 cents green, which, however, was converted into a 2 cents stamp (by surcharging) before despatch to Johore.

In 1892 appeared the first portrait stamps of Sultan Aboubakas, very finely engraved and printed by the typographical method of Messrs. De La Rue and Co. Portraiture on surface-printed stamps is rarely good, but it is said of this issue that the picture was a particularly good likeness of the Sultan, who was a popular ruler, and a favourite at Queen Victoria's Court. He died while on a visit to England in 1895, after a rule of nearly twenty-five years.

The stamps of the Aboubakas portrait type, overprinted "Kemahkotaan," were issued to mark the coronation of his successor, the Sultan Ibrahim (mahkota=crown). These stamps occur with the word mis-spelt "Ketahkotaan." The stamps of the reign of his Highness Ibrahim, K.C.M.G., are not less faithful in their portraiture, as a comparison with photographs of the Sultan demonstrates, and are evidently the work of the same engraver, as they are of the same printing establishment.—*Daily Telegraph.*

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Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given, unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to the marriage of Miss Eva Augusta Robinovits of Worcester, Mass., to our friend and precanceled stamp enthusiast, Mr. John Albert Solomon of Providence, Rhode Island. Bliss in unbounded measure is our wish for the occasion.

—In applying for an approval selection, "Mr. J. Davis," 3325 23rd St., San Francisco, Cal., gave Mr. E. A. Moseley of Bloomfield, Mo., the name of "Mr. C. Caplain," 1602 Nicholas St., San Francisco, "vice-president of the San Francisco Match Co.," as reference. A letter to Mr. Caplain came back unclaimed and endorsed: No such street.

—Before this note is in print, we hope that Willard O. Wylie, a perfectly good managing editor, will have revealed his whereabouts. It will be to his advantage if he will communicate with us. We do not see why they want to keep our m. e. in Europe, anyway.

—Niagara Falls, New York, is *en fete* for the A. P. S. convention delegates and the advance guard has already entered into close philatelic communion with one another. So says our correspondent on the spot.

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

ALBANIA.—Four values of the Skandebeg issue, already surcharged with new values in Turkish money, have received an additional overprint "Takse" for use as postage due stamps. The stamps so treated are 10pa, 20pa, 1gr and 2gr.

ANGOLA.—Mr. Schachne has shown us the new issues of postal cards and letter cards for this colony. All the impressed stamps are bicolored, the value and the name of the country being printed in black.

Post Cards.

1c green and black on buff.
2c red and black on white.
1x1c green and black on buff.
2x2c red and black on white.

Letter Cards.

2½c lilac and black on yellow.
5c blue and black on white.
2½x2½c lilac and black on yellow.

ARGENTINE.—According to *Lemaire's Journal* the 4c and 30c have appeared on the new watermarked paper, thus completing the series.

BOSNIA.—The York Stamp Co. calls attention to the fact that there are two shades of 1h of 1912. The darker shade appears to be the earlier printing. *Ewen's Weekly* says that this country will shortly issue a 10k stamp. It will be carried out in copper-plate printing, in blue color on pale grey paper and will resemble the 2k stamp of the 1902 issue.

CHINA.—*Champion's Bulletin* says that China will enter the Universal Postal Union, September 1. On that date all foreign offices will be suppressed, and all issues of stamps will be demonetized, except the current Laborer and Pagoda types.

COLOMBIA.—A series of official stamps will soon be issued, comprising several values. All will have a portrait of Ricaurte. These stamps will not be sold to the public.

COSTA RICA.—Paul W. Riedell also calls our attention to the "Habilltado" error, as noted in No. 1226. These errors appear to have been noted everywhere but in Scott's catalogue.

CUBA.—*Lemaire's Journal* reports the issue of a new series of postage due stamps for the Island Republic. The design resembles that of the United States, with a large figure of value in the centre, "Republica de Cuba" above, "Tasa por Cobvar" below, and the value repeated in words at either side.

Postage Due Adhesives.

1c carmine.
2c carmine.
5c carmine.

FRANCE.—The postal authorities propose to try the plan of allowing the issue of the low values precanceled as has been done for some time in the United States, Canada, Belgium and Luxemburg, says *Lemaire's Journal.*

HAYTI.—Hermann Focke sends us a cover received from Port au Prince, Hayti, July 26, with three varieties of the recently reported provisional issue, with surcharge of "Gl. O. Z.—7 Fev. 1914" amongst them a surcharged new value: "1 Cent. de Piastre" on 50c yellow, Scott's type A19 re-issue of 1912, not yet catalogued.

Mr. Focke has received the following stamps with above surcharge.

1c green, Scott's No. 125.
2c vermilion, No. 126.
3c deep brown, No. 127.
3c orange, same type, reissue 1912.
4c carmine lake, No. 128.
4c drab, same type, reissue 1912.
5c deep blue, No. 166
7c gray, No. 130.
7c salmon, same type, reissue.
8c carmine rose, No. 131.
8c olive, same type.
10c orange red, No. 132.
10c dark red brown, same type.
15c olive green, No. 133.
15c ochre, same type, reissue.
20c blue green, No. 134.
20c yellow green and black, No. 158.
50c deep red, No. 135.
50c yellow-orange, same type, 1912.
1p claret, No. 136.
1p brick red, same type, reissue 1912.

"1 Cent de Piastre" on 50c yellow-orange.

This issue will have to be taken up by the catalogues, the same as the 1902, 1904 and 1905 provisionals.

JAPAN.—*Offices in China.*—According to *Lemaire's Journal* the 10s on the new paper has been seen overprinted for use in China.

NEW ZEALAND.—The 5sh revenue has been overprinted "Official" for postal use.

NICARAGUA.—C. P. Frey reports having found an error in the Cordoba surcharged ½c on 15c on 35c, Mountain type. The second "O" of "Cordoba" is a capital letter. This occurs on the third stamp of the fourth row, plate No. 61. Also in a sheet of the 2c on 2p, a "v" is so printed as to look like a "y." This is found on plate 389.

PENRHYN ISLAND.—From Whitfield King & Co. comes the ½ King Edward stamp of New Zealand, surcharged in deep carmine for use in the Island.

Adhesive.

On stamps of New Zealand.
½d green.

SPAIN.—*El Eco Postal* says that a series of stamps will be issued to commemorate the Tri-Centenary of Cervantes. The series will have a portrait of the author and scenes from "Don Quixote" and will be current for the years 1915 and 1916.

SURINAM.—Whitfield King & Co. report having received the current 1c and 3c stamps of Surinam with white background.

SWITZERLAND.—Two novelties in postal cards have been shown us by Mr. Schachne. The current domestic card is now obtainable in books of 10 cards each, the left hand side being perforated.

A new commemorative card has been issued for the Pestalozzi Institution. The reverse shows photogravures illustrative of the life of the great educator.

Post Card.

5c green on buff, perforated at left.

Commemorative Post Card.

5c green on buff; dated Aug. 1, 1914.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1sh value on paper with white back.

Adhesive.

1sh black, on green tinted.

URUGUAY.—Whitfield King & Co. send us the 20c Artigas stamp lithographed.

Adhesive.

20c rich brown.

HELP WANTED.

TO THE EDITOR:

In connection with a fair collection of U. S. stamps, I have lately begun to collect blocks of 4 of the various issues of U. S. I have tried different ways of mounting them but have not yet reached anything that is satisfactory. No doubt among your many readers are others who take a pleasure in collecting along this line and possibly they could offer some plans that would be appropriate. If you find time and opportunity will you kindly give this space in the columns of the WEEKLY.

Yours truly,
BLOCKS OF FOUR.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF LAGOS.

By D. B. ARMSTRONG.

Formerly a British Crown Colony of importance, but reduced of recent years to the status of a province of the more modern colony of Southern Nigeria, Lagos occupies 28,910 square miles of territory in Western Africa, its coast line bordering on the Bight of Benin. Whilst enjoying the distinction of being the oldest of the Nigerian territories it has long been surpassed in importance by its younger neighbours. It was annexed to the British Crown in 1861, when as a result of the slave-trading propensities of its native ruler, Her Majesty's Government intervened, and having deposed the offending King Kosoko, reinstated a former monarch named Docemo, who under the benign protection of Great Britain pledged himself to suppress the slave-trade in his dominions. Eventually he ceded both himself and territories to the British Government; from which it would appear that he had been unequal to the task he had undertaken.

At this period the region designated by the title of Lagos comprised only the town and island of that name, and the coast line 140 miles in extent, lying between Long. 2° and 6° E. with a total area of 1,500 square miles and a population of about 2,000,000.

Under the provisions of an Order in Council given under date of December 27th, 1899, a large tract of fertile country in the hinterland of the Colony, embracing the whole of the Yoruba district and stretching to the border of the French Niger territories, was incorporated in the Colony under the title of the Lagos Protectorate, thus adding about 27,500 square miles and one million inhabitants to the Colony. A further Order in Council of July 24th, 1901, set forth the composition and defined the extent and boundaries of the colony and protectorate of Lagos.

Lagos was at first administered separately from the other British possessions in West Africa, but in 1866 was placed under the control of the Governor of Sierra Leone, and later, when in 1874 Sierra Leone severed its connection with the Gold Coast administration, became a dependency of that Colony, from which it was finally disunited in 1886 and was created a Crown Colony.

Finally, by an Order in Council dated February 16th, 1905, Lagos was amalgamated with the larger and more recently constituted Colony of Southern Nigeria, of which it now forms the Western province, thus terminating its career as an individual colony.

The climate is tropical and unsuited to Europeans, but the soil is for the most part fertile and well cultivated. The trade in human chattels, for which the district was once notorious, has now given place to more legitimate forms of commerce, and palm oil, cotton, rubber, ivory, gum, and other tropical products are exported, to an annual value of over £1,000,000. A railway has been constructed from Iddo Island into the interior of the Colony, connecting with the Northern Nigeria system, and the country is being opened up and developed upon a systematic scale.

The island of Lagos, from which the district derives its name, lies immediately off the coast, enclosing a vast lagoon which forms an excellent natural harbour. It was from this lagoon that the early Portuguese navigators bestowed the name of Lagos on the island, meaning "the Lakes." The island is 3¾ miles in area and is connected with the mainland by a long bridge. On it stands the town of Lagos on the River Ogun, the principal settlement of the colony, and the seat of government, having the largest population of any town on the West Coast of Africa, and including the bulk of the European community, to the number of about 200.

The history of the colony's early postal affairs is shrouded in mystery. The earliest copy of the *Official Gazette* available in London is dated 1881, and such other semi-official publications as are to be found, throw but a very faint light upon the beginnings of the Lagos postal service. Lagos and Badagri are, however, mentioned as ports of call for the steamships of the West African mail service plying under contract with H. M. Postmaster-General by an agreement dated January 29th, 1852, for a period of ten years.

Prior to the issue of distinctive postage stamps, an early type of postal frank was in use at Lagos, similar to that employed at Corfu, Tobago, and elsewhere at that period, consisting of a small double-lined circle, broken at the top to admit of the insertion of a roughly formed Crown and inscribed "PAID AT LAGOS." It was struck in red and was first chronicled by the *Philatelic Record* in July, 1882.

On its political severance from Sierra Leone the colony was provided with a series of postage stamps of its own. Whether or not the stamps of the latter colony had previously been in use by the Lagos Post Office remains to be discovered, but it is a point that commends itself to the Lagos specialist, and a systematic search amongst used copies of the stamps of Sierra Leone issued between the years 1860 and 1873 should be productive of information.

That an internal postal system was already in operation in Lagos previous to the issue of special postage stamps is clearly shown by the following official notice; the earliest that the writer has succeeded in tracing.

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Mails will be forwarded from Badagry to Lagos every Friday and will be due here on Saturday.

Mails for Palma and Leckie will be forwarded from this office every Tuesday and Saturday, at 3 p. m., letters and parcels will be received up to that hour. Mails will be forwarded from Leckie and Palma every Tuesday and Friday, and will be due here on Monday and Thursday at 3 p. m.

The inland rate of postage is as follows:—

For a letter not exceeding ½ oz. in weight,	1d
For every additional ½ oz.,	1d
For every newspaper,	1d
For a parcel not exceeding 8 oz.,	3d
Above 8 oz. and not exceeding 16 oz.,	6d

The above dates will be adhered to as closely as possible.

By His Excellency's Command,
W. C. PRATT, Postmaster.

Post Office, Lagos, March 5, 1874.

The above notice is of interest as showing the respective uses of the first four postage stamps issued in the Colony. The postal rate to the United Kingdom at that period was 6d per ½ oz.

A series of four postage stamps, which had been ordered from Messrs. Thos. De La Rue & Co., of London, postage stamp contractors to the British and Colonial Governments, were received in the Colony shortly after the appearance of the above notice.

They were of simple and effective design, printed from a key-plate specially constructed to the order of the Lagos Government, and not from any of the general Colonial key-plates.

The outstanding feature of the design was a diademed profile portrait of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, believed to have been engraved by Mons. Jean Ferdinand Joubert, chief engraver of stamp dies to Messrs. De La Rue & Co., and closely resembling, though not identical with that shown on the contemporary issues of Dominica, Tobago, etc. The head, displayed on a closely shaded ground, was contained in a double-lined circle occupying the whole of the centre of the stamp, whilst above the portrait on a small arched tablet of solid colour was the word "Lagos" in small uncoloured Roman capitals, and on a coloured ground beneath the circular frame was inscribed "Postage" in similar type. Ornate. foliate designs filled the spandrels, which in parts encroached upon the narrow band of colour encircling the frame containing the portrait, whilst across the foot of the stamp was an oblong tablet for the insertion of the value in words; printed in from a separate "duty-plate" at a second impression in heavy sans serif type. The whole design was surrounded by a single line of colour.

An interesting proof of this design was shown to the writer by Mr. H. F. Johnson, being an impression from the original key-plate with the value tablet blank. It was printed in pale lilac upon glazed white card, showing to perfection the fine lines and wealth of detail employed in its engraving. The proof was overprinted "Specimen," and the entire series in their normal state are also known with this overprint.

The stamps were printed typographically by Messrs. De La Rue's well known process in sheets of sixty ranged in ten rows of six, the margins bearing the plate number "1" in white upon a solid circle of colour, above the second stamp from the left in the top, and below the second from the right in the bottom row. An octagonal frame with indented corners contained a "current number" usually "1" also, and was overprinted over the second stamp from the left in the top and beneath the second from the right in the bottom row of the sheet. In all other respects the margins were devoid of embellishment.

Medium white wove paper was employed in their manufacture, watermarked with the device of a Royal Crown above the letters CC, signifying Crown Colony, grouped so as to allow of one complete watermark falling upon the centre of each and every stamp on the sheet. The margins contained the inscription "Crown Colonies" watermarked in large open block capitals. Their perforation was effected by means of a single-line (or guillotine) machine gauging 12½, which had first been brought into use by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., for perforating surface printed stamps in 1863.

Some uncertainty has hitherto existed as to the precise date on which the first Lagos postage stamps were issued to the public, some philatelists ascribing the event to June, 1874, and others including the Royal Philatelic Society in "Africa III." to May of the same year. This important point is finally cleared up by the writer's discovery of the following official notice, which definitely assigns the date of issue to June 10th, 1874.

> The supply of stamps for Postage Rates of sixpence, fourpence, twopence, and one penny having been received for the use of this Settlement, Notice is hereby given that no letters will be received for transmission at the Post Office unless duly stamped.
>
> By command,
> JOHN SHAW,
> Acting Collector and Colonial Sec'y.
>
> Secretary's Office, Lagos, June 10th, 1874.

Two further stamps of the face values 3d and 1s respectively were added to the series in March, 1875, bringing the total number of stamps then current in the Colony up to six.

1874-75. Design as above. Head of Queen Victoria. Typographed and printed by Messrs. Thos. De La Rue & Co. in London at two operations; value inserted at second printing. Wmk. Crown CC. Perf. 12½. Dates of issue appended in brackets.

1d lilac-mauve (June 10th, 1874).
2d blue (June 10th, 1874).
3d red-brown (March, 1875).
4d carmine (June 10th, 1874).
6d blue-green (June 10th, 1874).
1s orange (March, 1875).

VARIETY.

The words indicating the value on the original ONE SHILLING duty plate measured exactly 15½ mm. and there was no serif to the G. of Shilling. After it had been in use for a short time, however, this plate in some way got damaged, and in consequence had to be discarded. A fresh duty plate, which was subsequently brought into use, had the words of value a full millimetre longer, whilst there was a serif to the letter G.

Value measures 16½ instead of 15½ mm.
1s orange.

SHADES.

Owing to their being inserted at a separate printing the values of this and the following postal issues of Lagos frequently show marked divergencies in shade from the body of the stamps. In explanation of this fact the late E. J. Nankivell put forward the suggestion that it was possible that a stock of sheets was printed off in the various colours and laid on one side, and that the values were inserted from time to time as fresh requisitions were made, thus accounting for the variations in the shade of the inks. This is known to have been the case with familiar Arms Type stamps of Mauritius, which were sent out to the Colony in some instances with the value tablets blank for the insertion of the values locally as required.

The most pronounced shades occurring in the first issue of Lagos are:—

3d red-brown and chestnut.
6d blue-green and yellow-green.

The obliterator used in cancelling these stamps, which was probably supplied by the printers with the first consignment, was of the duplex type, consisting of a large capital "L" within a small circle surrounded by heavy bars, used in conjunction with a single-lined circular date stamp, inscribed at top with the name of the Colony, and containing the date in two lines in the centre, together with a control letter (A or B) struck in black.—*Stamp Col. Fortnightly.*

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The proposed $20,000 remittance was thought to be for speculative purposes. Considerable business was done by people by sending money to relatives abroad, but most of it was remittances for merchandise.

In the last week the international money order business has been multiplied twenty times, jumping from $1,000 a week to $20,000 today. Few orders exceeded $500.—Newspaper.

TO MEET IN NEW YORK.

BOSTON, July 28.—New York city was selected as the place to hold the 1915 annual convention at today's session of the National Philatelic Society. The next convention will be held in July.—New York Paper.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

FROM THE UNDERWORLD OF STAMPS.

The question of "philatelic criminals" is one that rises in the mind of every collector, almost as soon as he has dipped beneath the surface of the hobby. To the uninformed collector the subject of "reprints, fakes, counterfeits, and bogus stamps" often appears as an immense stumbling block in his way to the heights of a large collection. However, as he grows more experienced, the collector realizes that all of these things are of little importance. The collector young in experience often confuses these various classes of "undesirables" or fails to distinguish between them. Often the term "reprint" is applied in error to any fake, counterfeit or bogus stamp. Also, reprints and remainders are often confused. These various classes should be distinguished as follows:

REMAINDERS.

These stamps should not be classed among the undesirables. They are genuine stamps which have remained unsold by the post office at the time a new issue takes place, and are in no way counterfeits or even reprints. In many countries, especially the American republics, it is the practice to sell all stamps on hand shortly after a new issue is put out. These remainders are sold to the stamp dealers, sometimes unused, sometimes cancelled to order, and sometimes marked in a certain way to prevent their use for postage. When sold unused, the issue is "demonetized," or declared invalid for postal use, usually after due notice has been given to the people in order that they may use up the supplies they have previously purchased. This was done in the case of the "Seebeck" issues of Central America. These particular remainders, like certain others, were returned to the printers, who disposed of them for their private gain. In the case of the remainders of the stamps of Mauritius, the word "cancelled" was surcharged on the stamps. St. Helena cancelled its remainders by using a diamond shaped rubber stamp, with bars. Spain used a cancellation consisting of four horizontal lines, and also punched a hole in many of the stamps, a practice that did nothing to improve the beauty of the stamp. Roumania, Ecuador, and numerous other countries have used ordinary cancelling stamps on their remainders.

Remainders treated as above are, of course, not as desirable as either unused or postally used copies, though they are collectible. The only fault with remainders is that, when large stocks are disposed of, the market value of the stamp usually decreases unless the stamps are disposed of in such small quantities that they can be absorbed as put on the market. When small stocks are sold the market usually swallows them up without any material difference in value. Remainders are sometimes sold at their face value by the governments but more often at a discount.

REPRINTS.

These are stamps made from the original dies or plates used in the manufacture of the original stamps after the latter stamps have been withdrawn from use. They are often made by the government, for various purposes, such as; for sale to collectors; for historical purposes, as matters of record; or for exhibition purposes, as in the case of the United States reprints made for exhibition at the Centennial. Usually some mark is applied to distinguish them from originals, and the word REPRINT may be applied on the back or face, as the case may be. Many of the Australian reprints are so treated.

Reprints are sometimes made by private individuals who have secured the original plates or dies. These are usually made for the gain of the individual.

On several occasions, the government have wanted to issue reprints of some obsolete issue, and have been unable to find or use the original dies or plates. Accordingly, new plates have been made. Stamps printed from these new plates are not reprints, but are "Government counterfeits." So delicate an operation is the making of postage stamps that even the Governments find it practically impossible to reproduce a stamp so exactly as to defy detection. A notable instance of Government counterfeiting is in the so-called reprints of the 1847 issue of the United States. These "reprints" were made at the same time the reprints of the later issues were printed, and as the original plates had been destroyed long before, the government ordered new plates made, as nearly like the originals as possible. These were made in very close imitation of the originals, but differences are easily detected, however. The stamps from these new plates are not reprints, but are counterfeits.

Reprints and Government counterfeits are of interest only to the advanced collector and specialist, and are in a class by themselves, along with essays and proofs. The beginner and medium collector should let them alone. Reprints are often sold for "space fillers" in place of the more expensive originals. In the writer's estimation, a blank looks better than a "space filler" of any sort. Also, reprints are often sold by unscrupulous dealers as originals, and sometimes are sold as such by dealers who are too ignorant or careless to distinguish them. Make it a rule to have your stamps passed by some reputable dealer or expert before buying them, if you think there is any question. Reprints often present a fresher, cleaner appearance than the originals, and the gum and paper frequently differs. Like many other things, they are very easy to distinguish "when you know how."

FAKES.

Many collectors are of the opinion that "fakes" and "counterfeits" are the same thing. They are distinctly different. A "fake" is a genuine stamp that has been changed or altered in some way to change the value. For instance, by the use of certain chemicals, many stamps may be changed in color, sometimes to represent a rarer shade. Also, a clever penman can sometimes alter a stamp in such a way as to make it much more valuable. A short time ago, the writer saw a one dollar bill that had been altered in such a way that it was passed through five hands as a five dollar bill before being detected. It goes to show that alterations can be made on stamps, though the person skilled enough to be successful in this work would probably profit a great deal more through some legitimate occupation.

Cancellations are faked on stamps. Probably there is more faking done in this line than any other. Cancellations differ in so many ways that even a "strange" one will often be accepted as genuine.

Surcharges are quite frequently faked, though not often enough to be a menace to the collector. Like other counterfeiting, it takes great skill to reproduce a surcharge that cannot be detected, and usually the fakes are so crude as to be "spotted" by the most inexperienced.

Often, also, used stamps are "cleaned" (or the cancellation is removed) and are regummed and sold as unused. This is especially true of stamps with pen and rubber stamp cancellations. The work is usually easy to detect, however, as a mark is usually left by the chemical.

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In the olden days, when collecting was in its "baby days", counterfeits of rare stamps were not uncommon. In the first place, the stamps themselves were easier to reproduce, as a rule. In the next place, the stamps did not receive the careful study they do today, and counterfeits were not nearly as easily detected. Also, the news of the discovery of a counterfeit was not circulated as it is today. Thirdly, many collectors bought these counterfeits as such, for space fillers, so there was a better market for them. Counterfeits are growing very scarce today, and probably 90% of the counterfeits are of early issues.

One reason why there are so few reproductions of modern stamps is that the manufacturers have learned many little tricks of watermarking and perforating, hence the counterfeiter has a great deal to do besides the mere printing of the stamps in order to make a clever fraud. The printing itself has reached such a high plane that it requires very expensive machinery to make the stamps, and the ordinary individual would not find it profitable to invest in this machinery to make a few stamps, when the detection of his work would probably mean a complete loss of profits and possible legal complications.

Practically all frauds in stamps are made to swindle the collectors. Very few have been directed against the governments, and in these few cases, most of the fraudulent stamps are scarcer and more valuable than the genuine stamps themselves.

Counterfeits are practically confined to high priced stamps. Collectors need worry very little about meeting them in their travels. Usually, they are crude and unfinished appearing, and are easily detected.

In classifying these stamps, remember that a counterfeit is a stamp made in imitation of another stamp, *not* made from the original plates.

BOGUS STAMPS.

These stamps differ from each of the preceding classes. They are generally the product of someone's vivid imagination. Many of them are supposed to be from countries that never exist, or that never issued stamps. A collector last week called my attention to a label supposedly from Spitzbergen. In this same class, are the U. S. Army Franks, so common in small collections; that set of Brunei, issued years ago, and resurrected several years ago; the stamps for the Principality of Trinidad; for Counani (wherever that place is); for the Friendly Islands; and others too numerous to mention here.

Most of these stamps are short-lived, as collectors soon "get wise" and hence there is no sale for them. Occasionally something new in this line is put on the market, or some of the old ones are resurrected and used again. Collectors have little to fear from them, however, as they are usually inexpensive, and are not at all common. These stamps make interesting fillers for that last page in the album with the exposition labels and those permits, and penalty envelopes, and other miscellaneous "cousins of stamps." They tell a story in their own way, and collectors will find them unique, after the sting of having been caught on them has died away.

The beginner has very little to fear from any of these classes of stamps. To make a clever fake or counterfeit, even of a surcharge, is too arduous a job for the profit involved, hence, compared to the number of stamps issued, the "crooks" are very seldom found. Of course, it is necessary to take some bitter with the sweet. Use your catalogues, buy from dealers who care for their reputation, study your stamps, and in the case of the expensive stamps, use extra care in making your selection, and you will have little cause for complaint on this subject.

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TUESDAY SESSION.

The twenty-ninth annual convention of the American Philatelic Society was called to order before an expectant audience of about seventy-five members and visitors by President Coolidge in the large hall of the International Hotel. It was promptly at 10.30 A. M. that the gavel descended, whereupon Mr. Hugh C. Barr of Buffalo, secured the floor and in the name of Buffalo members welcomed the visitors. After the applause had subsided, a representative of the mayor of Niagara Falls, His Honor having been unavoidably detained, expressed himself pleasantly and seconded Mr. Barr's sentiments. The response of President Coolidge was a befitting one.

The report of the committee on credentials showed that fewer than five hundred ballots had been cast and that the election resulted in the choice of directors as named last week. About the same number of proxies were well distributed and only Messrs. Severn and Webb had a full complement of fifty. A feature of the report was the large number of "scattering" votes for directors, over sixty votes having been entered for nearly as many different members.

The president's report for the first fiscal year was given close attention and was heartily approved by the members; it is printed elsewhere in this number. The report of the board of vice-presidents was read by the chairman, Henry C. Crowell, Cleveland, and the recommendations that were made in it were referred to the different committees, which had been appointed by President Coolidge. The report of the sales superintendent was read by P. M. Wolsieffer who was given a flattering reception on the floor. The report of Secretary Ault showed that the A. P. S. had done better than to hold its position during the past fiscal year; and the routine matters that were touched upon all told of present strength and the best of prospects. The treasurer's report reflected improved financial conditions over those of a year ago. The international secretary's report spoke of the work among foreign societies and the friendly relations existing between the A. P. S. and sister organizations overseas; and foreign matters of interest to members.

No afternoon session was held on Tuesday as the afternoon was devoted to a visit to the Shredded Wheat plant. Two photographs were taken, one in the park and the second on the steps of the factory.

WEDNESDAY SESSION.

The reports of the committees were interesting and occasioned some discussion. President Coolidge announced that there was not a quorum of directors present but that the board had organized tentatively as follows: President, C. A. Coolidge, Detroit; Board of Vice-Presidents, H. C. Crowell, J. F. Rust and Alvin Good, all of Cleveland; Secretary, Wm. E. Ault, Jeffersonville, Indiana; Treasurer, C. F. Mann, Chicago; International Secretary, L. Harald Kjellstedt; Directors at Large, E. M. Carpenter, Boston, and H. B. Phillips, Berkeley, California. The following appointments were made: Superintendent of Sales, P. M. Wolsieffer, Philadelphia; Examiner of Sales Books, Eugene Klein, Philadelphia; Editor of the *American Philatelist*, Wm. E. Ault, Jeffersonville, Indiana; Librarian, Harrison W. Craver, Pittsburg; Assistant Librarian, Adam E. Daum, Pittsburg; Attorney, Fred R. Schmalzriedt, Detroit; Counterfeit Detector, Eugene Klein, Philadelphia; Expert Committee, J. N. Luff, John A. Klemann and J. M. Bartels, all of New York City. The Recruiting Committee, divided into a western and eastern section, was headed by Ross O'Shaughnessy, San Francisco, for the western division, while the appointment for the eastern section was postponed for the time being. Mr. Wm. L. Stevenson, Flint, Michigan, Dr. Carroll Chase, Brooklyn, were given places on the committee on the United States catalogue. Messrs. I. R. Johnson, H. L. Lindquist and W. H. McDonald, were appointed as the hand-book committee.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Page 2—Article 2, Section 3. Strike out the last sentence in the first paragraph, viz: "Members paying dues by personal check must add thereto 10 cts. for exchange."

Page 5—Article 4, Section 3. Add the following:

"The two directors not holding any of the above offices shall be known as Directors-at-large."

Page 7—Article 5. Add a new section, as follows:

"The two Directors-at-large shall have special oversight of all branch societies, and it shall be their duty to promote the organization of such societies."

Page 8—Article 7, Section 1. After the words "An Editor of the American Philatelist," insert the words "An attorney."

Page 11—Article 7, Section 5. Insert after the word "government," in the seventh line, the following:

"Also all stamps which have been repaired or manipulated for the purpose of increasing their value, unless so marked by the owner."

Page 14—Article 10, Section 4. Strike out the first paragraph and insert the following:

"Branch Societies may admit to membership persons not stock-holders of the American Philatelic Society, but such members shall have no vote on matters pertaining to the American Philatelic Society."

Voted, that it is the sense of the Society that the Committee on Credentials are not under obligation to deliver to proxy holders written instructions enclosed by members with their proxies, but that members wishing to give specific instructions with their proxies should personally send such instructions to the persons representing them.

The Committee recommend that the Board of Vice-Presidents see that the Secretary is provided with suitable blanks for obtaining necessary information about the character and financial standing of applicants for membership.

The Committee deem no action necessary on the proposed Amendment as to furnishing blanks in regard to specialties, steps having already been taken in this direction by the Board of Directors.

The report of the committee on place of next convention evoked a general discussion with the result that the choice of the committee, San Francisco, was confirmed. Another topic that was handled from the floor was in what manner the board of vice-presidents should take cognizance of complaints against members when they did not allege specific acts but reflected nevertheless on what might be called the philatelic morality of members and while no definite course of procedure was adopted it was apparently the sentiment of the members that action should be taken to dispossess ultimately the members affected.

No action was taken on the resolution of the Swiss Dealers' Association relative to postally unnecessary issues from southeastern Europe because of the lack of definite information by our society. The determination of the status of the *Philadelphia Stamp News* in its relation to the society was left to the board of directors.

On Wednesday afternoon no business session was held and the time was devoted to a trip by special trolley car around the gorge and Falls.

THURSDAY SESSION.

At each of the sessions, telegrams and communications were read from societies and persons wishing the convention a successful meeting; and Thursday morning in addition, a long distance telephone message from John A. Wilkowski of Detroit was conveyed to the convention.

Several of the transactions of the preceding days were reviewed at this session and different resolutions were adopted, one of which presented by the St. Louis members to the effect that repaired or otherwise manipulated stamps to increase their material value were not to be allowed to circulate in the sales books was carried emphatically.

A resolution of thanks was voted to the Buffalo and Niagara Falls members for their unremitting efforts for the entertainment and comfort of visitors; and the thanks of members were voted to President Coolidge for his impartial and courteous leadership of the convention in session assembled.

In making his privileged motion that the convention adjourn *sine die*, W. C. Stone gave a most interesting recapitulation of the conventions of the American Philatelic Society held at Niagara Falls in 1892 and 1894, respectively.

Next week, we shall speak of the social or personal side of the convention, which, we are sure lingers pleasantly in the recollections of all those who attended the most important philatelic event on the yearly calendar for 1914.

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Office of Third Asst. P. M. Gen.,
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A. M. DOCKERY,
Third Asst. P. M. Gen.

A REPORTED FIND.

(*Local Correspondence.*)

LOS ANGELES HARBOR, July 25—Seven 6-cent stamps bought a few days ago at the East San Pedro postoffice for 42 cents have been sold to a stamp collector in Los Angeles for fifty dollars each or a total of $350 for them. Since the news of the find leaked out, a number of stamp collectors from Los Angeles have been scouring the harbor district for several days.

The find was made through a tip given a collector by a Los Angeles letter carrier, who noticed that a letter he handled carried a brown 6-cent stamp and an East San Pedro post mark. The collector made a hurried trip to the little office on the Salt Lake wharf and found there were seven left and bought them on the spot. He tested the color and found they were genuine, having been printed in the government printing office in brown ink instead of vermilion by a mistake that escaped the inspectors.—Los Angeles *Times*.

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BRAZIL.

By Fred. J. Melville.

A great deal of new interest has been aroused lately in the postage stamps of Brazil. Last year the veteran French philatelist, M. Pierre Mahé, and an English specialist, Captain G. F. Napier, published extensive monographs on the subject. There has since been a development along some of the lines then opened up which would tend to make the exploration of Brazil philately as vast a task as the actual exploration of the land, "where the nuts come from." I refer more particularly to a specialised study in eight loose-leaf albums of one single issue of Brazilian stamps, a very masterpiece of detailed work, carried out by an American collector, Mr. C. L. Pack, who exhibited this curious one-issue collection at the London exhibition.

There was a time when the collector's sole interest in Brazilian stamps centred around the "bull's-eyes" of the first issue, christened "yeux de bœuf" by the pioneer philatelists in the earliest days of the hobby. Those stamps were actually the immediate offspring of the first penny black stamp of Great Britain, and in all three denominations the impressions are in black. It is curious that a country so remote should have been the first to follow the lead of Great Britain in adopting the adhesive postage stamp, Brazil anticipating the United States by four and France by six years. This was chiefly due to the instrumentality of M. J. D. Sturz, a Consul for Brazil in a European city, who, having recognized early the advantages of the new system in Britain, succeeded in moving the Brazilian Government to adopt a similar innovation in July, 1843.



The "bull's-eye" design—an elliptical ground of engine-turned engraving, with uncoloured fancy numerals of value—owes its origin to a respectful and zealous official of the Rio Janeiro Mint. It may be recalled that a criticism levelled at the first English stamp—the original "Queen's Head"—was that the placing of the Royal portrait on the stamps was the "greatest insult the Ministry could have offered her Majesty." This view of the impropriety of the use of the Royal portrait was shared by authorities in several foreign States, and the Director of the Mint at Rio made representations to the Senhor C. J. d'Aranjo Viana (afterwards Viscount de Sapucahy) in a letter of Feb. 13, 1843, that "the respect due to the Emperor would be wounded were the postage stamps bearing the sacred effigy obliterated," as, indeed, they would need to be obliterated to protect the revenue. The monarch for whom this respectful





consideration was shown was Pedro II., the son of the first Constitutional Emperor and Perpetual Defender of Brazil.

The stamp issues which followed the "bull's-eyes" bear a distinct family resemblance to the issue of 1843 right on to the middle sixties, but the elliptical form of the design was discarded within twelve months for the (nearly) rectangular issue with "sloping figures." This and the next two series bear numerals on an engine-turned ground. In 1866 the numeral designs, ever an incitement to the counterfeiter, were discarded for one of the most handsome series of portrait stamps ever printed. The engraving and printing were carried out by the American Bank Note Company of New York. They bear portraits of Dom Pedro II, then a man of 41. The series, with minor variations, remained in use for twelve years, with an addition to the set of a bi-coloured 300 reis stamp, in which the portrait of the Emperor is enclosed in a peculiar green border which has gained for this supplementary issue the nickname of the "snake stamp."

Twelve years later the same company engraved and printed a new portrait issue which shows the collector that in the interval between the dates of the two issues the cares of State had told on the Emperor, whose hair had become thin and whose dark beard had turned white. Another decade was to bring the Imperial crown toppling to his feet, but in the interim the business of printing Brazil's stamps was transferred to the Rio Mint. The use of the portrait, however, was retained on the stamps until 1884, when from the set stamps of that year bearing various devices, but no portrait, the collector discerns that Dom Pedro's star was on the wane. The very day before the down-fall of the empire (i. e., Nov. 14, 1889), a stamp of a new Southern Cross design was issued from the Mint to the Post Office. It bore the simple inscription "Brazil," but it was withdrawn on the fateful 15th.

Probably few of my readers have ever seen original specimens of that stamp, nor yet of the rare reprint which has been made in recent years on thick paper. Its denomination was 100 reis, and its colour red lilac. It resembles the stamp of the next (1890) issue, the common 100 reis deep mauve (Southern Cross), which has the inscription altered to E(stados) U(nidos) do Brazil, the new designation adopted by the Republic being the United States of Brazil. The seven companion values of the 1890 series are all in the Southern Cross design with the new inscription. In 1891 the effigy of Liberty, rarely long absent from the stamps of a republic, appeared in a 100 reis stamp of a draughtboard pattern, and in a "tri-colour" scheme of red, blue, and white.

I believe it was a lady—not herself a philatelist—who first noted variations in the features of Liberty's head on the 100 reis stamp of the 1894-1904 design. Her casual remarking on the difference of expression of the effigy on these stamps led to the discovery that heads which can be identified as having been prepared for the 200, 500, and 700 reis stamps were used in some of the 100 reis frames in order to produce 100 reis stamps. The normal 100 reis stamp is common enough, and naturally there has been much interest aroused in the search amongst these for the so-called "borrowed head" varieties, which to all appearances are far from common. Into the further complications of this one stamp—which include flaws, paper perforation, and shade varieties—I do not propose to conduct my readers. The borrowed heads are of a high degree of interest, and the search for them will provide a good test of any collector's perception of philatelic detail.—*Daily Telegraph.*

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Mr. H. W. Beddoe, connected with our company here, is a son of T. Beddoe, who is the head of the type and machinery department of the National Type and Paper Company of Mexico City. His firm closed up shop several months ago since which he has been in Vera Cruz. The following letter received by his son today, explains the matter of the printing of the Revenue issue. It is not exactly clear whether by "we" he means that the job was let to the Mexican *Herald* or to the National Type and Machinery Company, but we infer the latter.

Yours,
Marsh.

Oklahoma City, Aug. 12, 1914.

Mexico, D. F., Aug. 2, 1914.

Mr. H. W. Beddoe,
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My Dear Son,

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EDITORIAL.

Twenty-ninth Annual Convention—The convention of the American Philatelic Society held at Niagara Falls, New York, August 11th to 13th inclusive was a successful annual meeting and a pleasant occasion generally. The attendance of members and friends was one larger than anticipated and the fact that the registration was about one hundred shows that the interest in the convention was strong as the times were scarcely propitious for a festival of the kind. The presence of so many members under the circumstances was a public declaration of stamp strength, at least. The absence of many of the members whose able guidance at previous conventions made them valuable delegates was regretted but it happened that other tried and true members of the old guard whose coming was not heralded stepped into the breaches. The proxy representation was below expectations but as there was no proxy vote taken, the delinquency in this regard had no effect on legislation. The comparatively small number of ballots cast indicated that only slight interest was manifested in the election. A determination is urged on all who have the welfare of the society at heart to bring out next year a proxy vote sufficiently large to make all legislation that may possibly be transacted, effective.

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Its Work—Speaking broadly, practically all of the business done at the convention pertained to the organization itself and its internal workings. At first glance it may seem that it is somewhat unfortunate that no beneficial legislation having a wide suggestion was confirmed but another thought presents itself in this connection. By perfecting the machine, its work will become the more effective and its authority, when it acts, will be the quicker recognized. The most important committee reports were those of the committee on by-laws and on resolutions, respectively, and the recommendations of these committees were chiefly on society matters. There is danger of the conventions becoming too mechanical through the precision with which the work is done in committees; and what is discussed on the floor really has to be interpolated, as it were. Of course, if time is considered a large factor, the best results are obtained through the methods now in use as much of the talk and debate at any convention floor is apt to be pointless and involved but even so, care will have to be taken not to "dehumanize" the conventions.

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Its Pleasures—The position of the Buffalo members who attended to the arrangements for the convention and the entertainment of delegates and friends was appreciated and a rousing vote of thanks was given to them just before the convention adjourned. The convention went to Niagara Falls without invitation, as it were, and it was indeed kind of the Buffalo members to take charge of the preliminary work and arrange all the business and social details of the large meeting. The badge was contributed by the Buffalo members and in many other ways that were unobtrusive, their consideration was felt. It is no easy task to plan the work and play of a convention, particularly at a somewhat distant point and the gratitude of those who were entertained was placed on record, for the successful results achieved by the faithful members from Buffalo.

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Publicity—It is always of interest to notice the treatment that the convention receives from the press and to notice how the reporters for the local papers grasp a subject that is full of complications for the layman. Of course, the reporters wanted "stories" and their methods of approach in their cathecism of members while varying slightly, narrowed down to demands ultimately for the same character of material. Record was made of the value of the "collections at the convention" and who were celebrities in the general world among our members; and similar "facts." The local papers at Niagara Falls gave due attention, perhaps, to the convention although our gathering was eclipsed in numbers by one or two that seemed to have larger representations. The American Philatelic Society members made a good showing, however, as nearly all of them were at the same hotel, where they thronged the lobbies and fraternized as a huge family party.

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San Francisco in 1915—The report of the committee on place of next convention was listened to intently, as a number of cities were entered into competition. San Francisco, Rochester, Baltimore, New York, etc., were named to the committee which selected San Francisco for the honor. The invitation of the philatelic societies on the coast to come to San Francisco next year was accepted and the disposition to recognize the loyalty of the membership in the west by giving the seat of the next convention to them was somewhat general. A delegation of members from Rochester, New York, placed the Flour City before the members as a candidate for 1916 and Boston made known its wish to entertain the members in the same year, as it was ten years before or in 1906 that Boston had its last convention. Some witless member rashly nominated Pepperell, Massachusetts, for 1920,—no doubt he was ejected without unnecessary violence.

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The Official Journal—Every reference to the *American Philatelist* and its efficient editor was applauded and it was shown conclusively that our monthly publication has earned a place in the affections of the members. That it was continued is superfluous information and with the strengthening of the editor's hand the publication will improve in several respects, no doubt. Quite pertinently, the editor said that if the members did not like the contents they were invited to improve them, as the literary side of the *American Philatelist* was sustained by the contributions of the members. In good time, the official journal of the American Philatelic Society may become a publication such as the one beloved by the members in the late '80's and thereabouts.

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In Addition—Business is booming in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing due to conditions that have developed recently and for that reason the Bureau was forced to decline with thanks the invitation extended by President Coolidge to send a representative to address and confer with the members. The resolution from Switzerland condemning the issue and circulation of certain of the recent issues of European countries for which no postal necessity existed and which were foisted on philatelists with the excuse that they were the legitimate postal requirements of countries more or less disorganized by recent events was not acted upon at this time. In the report of the committee on by-laws a list of the changes is given and we shall try to include this report elsewhere in this number.

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Office of Second Asst. P. M. Gen.,
WASHINGTON, Aug. 12, 1914.

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JOSEPH STEWART,
Second Asst. P. M. Gen.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—A cablegram has been received from our managing editor, Mr. Wylie, saying that he sails from Christiania, Norway, on August 7th; and so, by the time that these lines are in print, he should be in our welcome midst again.

—There were indications at the Niagara Falls convention that the meeting of the Southern Philatelic Association at Indianapolis next month will be somewhat torrid not to say tempestuous but after it is all over, the dove of peace will soar over the scene.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Members of The American Philatelic Society, 29th Annual Convention:

Once again the American Philatelic Society convenes at Niagara Falls, after an absence of twenty years from this locality.

I remember when stationed on the Western Plains at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, reading about the enjoyable gathering at these Falls and regretted that I could not have participated with that coterie of good fellows who were legislating for the benefit of Philately and luxuriating in the scenery which surrounds this mighty flow of water.

There are doubtless several of you here today who were coadjutors of those kindred spirits, earnest in the advancement of our philatelic association and seeking to extend the sphere of its enlightening influence that can relate the unwritten reminiscences of those halcyon days and of those illustrious companions who have finished their collecting career and closed their albums.

I greet today the members of the 29th Annual Convention of The American Philatelic Society (most of you a new generation since 1894) assembled to legislate for the benefit of our much loved avocation, hoping that the work you do here may extend over our broad country to increase the knowledge and regard of all collectors, respecting the object and aim of this organization, also that you may enjoy the pleasure of this famous summer resort and the personal acquaintance with congenial comrades, whose great desire is centered in collecting, preserving and studying the official productions of governmental postal and revenue departments and their congeries.

The honor of presiding over this organization the past year (though I realize that I may have fallen short of your expectations) has been to me a very agreeable duty in many respects; for I have always had the deepest interest in the welfare of the organization and the hope that it would attain a prominent position in our country, to which its highest exponent justly entitles it, and I believe that if we work in harmony and honesty, we shall achieve the best ultimate results.

I thank the members and the officers of the society for their hearty coöperation in making my share of the duties of my office so light and pleasant and congratulate the society on the fact that the numerical list of its membership has increased slightly over that of the previous convention—notwithstanding we have had a large number of resignations (56) and been compelled to drop over one hundred and nine (109) for non-payment of annual dues.

I hope another year this latter class will be nearly eliminated; for the expense of being a member is so reasonably slight, that there is scarcely a respectable collector in this country, who could not afford to pay his dues, even if he received no benefit from the society, except the honor of being recognized as a member of the corporation.

The past year has witnessed considerable advancement of philately in the opinion of the general public, largely due to the exertions of the Committee of International Philatelic Exhibition in gathering together that magnificent collection of stamps in New York City, the week of October 27th, 1913—and the extended notices of it in the philatelic and daily newspapers, which gave the unenlightened public an opportunity to see and realize the collecting, deciphering and arrangement of stamps was an occupation requiring persistent labor, knowledge, thought and scientific attainments—beyond the mere gathering together of bits of paper and that the result was intrinsically worth more than the time, work and money expended in accumulating a good representative collection.

There are such extensive reports of the Exhibition in the journals and daily papers that it would be superfluous for me at this time to enter into particulars, but it is to be hoped that the same management may be enabled to produce another such exhibit a few years hence; for it was a most liberal education in the cause of philately, enlightening the general public and a benefit to the youngest tyro or the most advanced philatelist.

On behalf of the A. P. S., I desire to extend the appreciation of the society to Messrs. Klein, Stone and Richards for their efficient services in arranging our display at the New York exhibition and to Messrs. Joseph Klein, Jr., and Mr. Joseph Klemann for their work in distributing our official journal and circulars during that week.

The 6th Congress of the Royal Philatelic Society of Great Britain, had not only the honor of the patronage of His Majesty, the King, but his actual presence, and lively interest in its proceedings.

The International Philatelic Exhibition at Cassel, Germany, in August, 1914, will be the most extensive and valuable gathering since the New York Exhibition.

The Board of Vice-Presidents will submit a report of their proceedings for the year, which will doubtless show the fact, that there have been less difficulties to adjudicate than for some years in the past and that there have been only five cases that required the expulsion of members.

Our Finances, under the able management of the Treasurer, are in a tolerably fair condition as much so as our exceedingly small annual dues will allow, considering the expense of our philatelic publications. The Board of Directors thought it advisable to invest a portion of our non-producing stock fund in interest paying bonds, the interest of which will become available for general expenses of the society. This transaction was satisfactorily effected by the Treasurer pursuant to the vote of the Board of Directors.

Last year the deficit in the general fund was over $800.00. This year while the figures are not exactly available at the time of writing, they will probably be less than $300.00 and it is confidently expected before the close of the next fiscal year, *that* deficit will be entirely wiped out and leave a balance on the credit side of the ledger.

The Secretary's Report will give you all necessary information and data regarding the transactions of this department: which I consider has been conducted with energy and efficiency and in agreeable accord with the wishes of the President and feel justified in believing to the benefit and general satisfaction of the society.

The position of Editor of the *American Philatelist* has been most creditably filled by the occupant who has had an arduous and difficult task to execute to the satisfaction of so large, varied and critical a class as the members of this society. The manuscripts have been regularly submitted to the supervision of the President before being forwarded to the printer and whatever may have passed his scrutiny inimical to the interest of the society must be chargeable to his defective censorship.

The Editor has labored to secure the coöperation of the Printing Company in having the monthly numbers in possession of the members before the expiration of the month, for which they were designated and has generally succeeded.

If the members are not satisfied with the contents of the journal, they must remember, that it is published for the avowed purpose of promulgating the reports of the society; such matters as affect it and valuable articles contributed by the members. The journal cannot remunerate the authors, nor has it an extensive corps of paid correspondents; but every member who is in honor bound and it should be their pleasure to furnish the editor with any news, discoveries or information relating to philatelic matters and such articles as they are capable of writing for the benefit of our publication. It is *your* paper and its symposium should be the brains of our organization for the benefit of your companions and posterity. The Editor is merely the collaborator of others' work.

The Recruiting service has a little more than made good the losses of the past year, which considering the large number that have resigned or dropped is very creditable. But if we consider that MEKEEL'S WEEKLY claims to have 7,000 subscribers, while the A. P. S. numbers less than 1500, it would seem that there is a vast field which we have not yet garnered.

A correspondent writing me lately, says: "I travel to most cities from New York to Buffalo and have connections in every city and hamlet. I know a number of people who are stamp collectors who have never heard of the (A. P. S.) society." My own limited experience confirms this statement in a somewhat more restricted degree.

I realize the impossibility of inducing every collector to become a member of our association, but if the members would earnestly endeavor to exert themselves in behalf of our society and not allow a desirable collector to escape them, we would ultimately obtain large accessions to our ranks, for even the nominated recruiting committee cannot do all the work.

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The last convention authorized the President to appoint a committee of five members to confer with the U. S. authorities regarding the collection of stamps lately transferred from the Post Office Dept. to the National Museum in the City of Washington, D. C. In accordance therewith, I nominated a committee of which Mr. Howard Beck was appointed Chairman and their report will be laid before this Convention.

I recommend the continuance of this same committee.

Mr. J. B. Leavy, a member of the A. P. S., was engaged by the Government as an expert to arrange the collection and I understand has proven very efficient in that capacity though the salary is not commensurate with what he might otherwise earn.

I quote from a newspaper clipping:

"The $100,000 collection of postage stamps that for years have been gathering dust in the archives of the post-office department is being arranged and classified for exhibition at the National Museum. J. B. Leavy, Government Philatelist and T. T. Belote, head of the museum's division of history, expect to have the exhibit in permanent shape in about a year. Officials of the museum and the post office department say the only collection of stamps which excels in completeness the one now being arranged is that owned by the British Museum. There are specimens of every variety and denomination of stamps ever issued by this government as well as a collection of practically all the stamps ever used by any government since the use of postage stamps began. So far only 19th Century issues have been put on exhibit. A novel case, consisting of scores of sliding vertical sections all locked with one key and absolutely air tight contains the stamps. The idea was taken from the British Museum, but the cases are a great improvement on those there employed."

The Sales Department is a most valuable adjunct to our association and has been conducted in an able, efficient manner by the present incumbent. A summary of his year's work will be submitted to you. I know of no desirable changes or improvements that might benefit that branch, but, if members would release from their hoards of duplicates more generously and liberally and give the other fellows an opportunity to procure desirable specimens, it would make our sales department more popular, improve the collections of those who have many vacant spaces in their albums and be for the betterment of the society and philately in general.

I regret the want of success we have had the past year in inducing local societies to become branches of the A. P. S., though two or three local societies have signified their intention of taking the matter into consideration. I urge those members living in large communities to exert their influence in behalf of forming branches. Branch societies are desirable auxiliaries for the increase of membership in our organization and spread the gospel of philately throughout their locality and if enthusiastically conducted benefit their individual collections.

I would recommend that one of the directors or a special superintendent of Branch Societies be appointed whose duty it shall be to endeavor to induce members living in the same community to form branches of the American Philatelic Society, to have supervision of them and their reports and assist them in making their meetings interesting and advantageous to its members.

It seems the more natural system that all Philatelic organizations should coalesce under the egis of the American Philatelic Society and that the "Revenue," the "Postal Card," "Pre-cancelled" and the "Aeroplanes" Clubs should become branches of the Great National Organization and make one harmonious whole. Each division is merely the specializing of a portion of philately and could be subserved more economically and with fully as much benefit to the specialty under the general management of the National Society.

The past year has added its quota of new issues to our numerically large assortment of stamps; what will be the ultimate sum of the world's collectible collection is marvelous to contemplate.

It would be a work of superogation to attempt to enumerate the year's contribution. You have already had them in your philatelic papers and they are fresh in your minds as on your album pages. The U. S. has done away with its special parcel post and added new denominations to the ordinary issues for the convenience of that service. Great Britain has extended its Georgian Colonials as rapidly as possible, while China, Cuba, Turkey, Egypt, Bavaria, Mexico, with its constitutional government and the Balkan Peninsula are some of the most important new issues.

In one particular, it is worth while inviting your attention to the fact, that the British Government (one of the latest great powers to issue "Postal due stamps") has provided a method by which the philatelic public may legitimately acquire them for their albums, without resorting to subterfuge, bribery or corruption of postal officials as has evidently been largely prevalent in the U. S. not only with the "Dues" but those of the Postal Savings Dept. and precancels. There seems no reasonable argument why they should not have been legitimately sold by the U. S. Government.

For the past year or two there has been a lot of overprinting of the Obsolete (1902) issue of the ordinary postage stamps as well as the excessively high denominations which it hardly seems could have been authorized by the Post Office authorities in Washington, for which dealers in locally precancelled stamps have asked exorbitantly high prices.

As the department prohibits the indiscriminate sale of this class of stamps, it is problematical how they get upon the market.

I lay before you for consideration from the *Verband Schweiz Postwertzeichenhandler* (association of Swiss dealers) regarding the production of speculative stamp issues referring especially to those of Southeastern Europe and recommend that it be referred from the action of suitable committee.

Our Counterfeit detector (Mr. Klein) in his report calls especial attention to these speculative issues and the numerous forgeries of them.

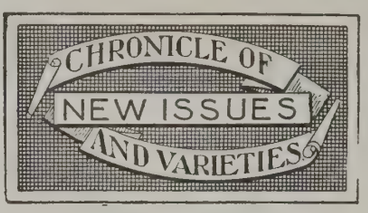
The Mayor of Rochester, N. Y., at the instigation of Philatelists there, (there being no branch of the A. P. S. in that city) wrote me early in May, requesting the A. P. S. should hold its convention for this year in Rochester, but I was obliged to inform him, that the place of holding the convention had already been designated by the vote of last year's convention, held at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, and that I could not change the locality.

There are applications in the hands of the Secretary from the California Philatelic Society and the "Management for Conventions" at the World's Panama-Pacific Exposition requesting the A. P. S. to hold their 1915 Convention in the City of San Francisco, Calif. This matter will of course be referred to the Committee for next Convention, but it will require careful consideration by the members after the committee have rendered their report.

I wish that the majority of the members of the A. P. S. would endeavor to take their summer vacations at the time of our Annual Conventions and so enable them to unite with us in the work and pleasures of these reunions, becoming better acquainted with each other, enhancing their own enjoyment and acquiring valuable philatelic information which the comingling of individuals engrossed in a special hobby must necessarily impart.

I am pleased to welcome those present and regret that those members of the A. P. S. who have been unable to attend this convention, renders it possible for me to extend my fraternal greeting, only through the medium of this report.

CHAS. A. COOLIDGE,
President, A. P. S.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.— We are indebted to William H. Lowrance for a long list of new precancels, showing that the list has been materially enlarged since we omitted to chronicle them.

AUSTRALIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* is informed that a supply of watermarked paper has been received from England, and that the printing of the 1d King George stamp will shortly be printed. It is now stated that the Western Australian swan is to appear on the new 1sh stamps, instead of the kookaburra, or laughing jackass, as previously announced. It is to be steel engraved, the work having been intrusted to T. S. Harrison, the Federal notes printer.

EGYPT.—The *Postage Stamp* reports having seen the 5m official stamp, with the overprint inverted.

FIJI ISLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. report having received the King George £1 stamp.

Adhesive.

£1 purple and black on red.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Ewen's Weekly* says that the 6d King George stamp is now being issued in "rosy mauve" a distinctly new shade.

MOROCCO AGENCIES.—The 10d King George stamp has been overprinted "Morocco—Agencies," like the 10c on 1d, chronicled in No. 1222, and new value at the bottom.

Adhesive.

On stamps of Great Britain.
"1 peseta" on 10d blue.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—The 1914 issues of entires for this colony have just been received by Mr. Schachne. The postal cards have the dividing line on face and the letter cards have perforation III.

Post Cards.

3r dull lilac and black on buff.
5r green and black on buff.
10r carmine and black on white.
3x3r dull lilac and black on buff.
5x5r green and black on buff.
10x10r carmine and black on white.

Letter Cards.

6r light brown and black on buff.
1t dull lilac and black on buff.
2t dark blue and black on white.
6x6r light brown and black on buff.
1x1t dull lilac and black on buff.

TURKEY.—Whitfield King & Co. send us a commemorative provisional issued recently. The overprint is in black, and entirely in Turkish characters. Our letter from Messrs. King says: "The correspondent who sent us a few of these stamps informs us that they were issued on July 23, and were on sale on that day only. He informs us that they were issued to commemorate the Seventh Anniversary of the Constitution, but he does not give us a translation of the overprint. The stamps are in sheets of 100 and one stamp in each sheet has the date "1330" omitted on the left of the column."

Provisional Adhesive.

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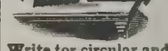
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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF LAGOS.

By D. B. Armstrong.

(Continued from page 291.)

By some catalogues the date of issue of the second series of Lagos postage stamps is given as 1876, whilst by others it is vaguely relegated to the previous year. The scarcity of clearly dated copies of these stamps renders the solution of this question a matter of some difficulty, so that in the absence of definite information to the contrary the date 1876 as given in the Royal Society's work on Africa may be tentatively accepted. As a matter of fact they are believed to have made their appearance towards the close of that year, in which case 1875 is a long way clear of the mark.

Except that a new perforating machine was employed in the production of this issue, it is in all other respects identical with its predecessor. The new form of perforation gauged 14 instead of 12½, and on all stamps of this series examined by the writer was produced by means of a comb-machine (viz., one whose teeth are arranged roughly in the form of a comb and perforate three sides of all stamps in a vertical or horizontal row at each descent of the pins). About this time, however, the printers are known to have been making use of a single-line machine of the same gauge, which they had acquired in the previous year and supplies of stamps furnished to the adjacent colony of the Gold Coast at the same period were at first perforated with this machine and afterwards by a comb-machine of the same gauge, as was also the case with the contemporary stamps of Gambia. It is possible, therefore, that the early consignment of the second issue of Lagos were also perforated with this single-line machine, and specialists possessing blocks or large pieces of these stamps will do well to take careful note of their perforations. Perforations produced by single line machines may readily be recognised from the fact that the vertical and horizontal rows of holes do not exactly coincide, but almost invariably fall foul of one another at the angles, whilst those from a comb machine correspond precisely, the cross line at the angles being perfectly clean and even, leaving a single perfect hole in the corner of every stamp, which is not found on those perforated with a guillotine machine.

1876. (date?) Design, etc., as before. Wmk. Crown CC. Perf. 14.

1d lilac-mauve.
2d blue.
3d red-brown.
4d carmine.
6d green.
1sh orange.

Variety.

A somewhat curious variety of this issue is recorded in "Africa," Part II., and one whose occurrence it is difficult to account for This is none other than the 4d denomination with the watermark Crown CC *sideways* instead of upright. Now the sheets of Crown CC paper contained 240 watermarks, grouped in four panes of sixty, each containing ten horizontal rows of six watermarks; the four panes being divided by plain vertical and horizontal margins bearing the watermarked inscription "Crown Colonies." In printing the stamps of Lagos therefore the full sheets were cut up into panes, each designed to accommodate sixty impressions of the design in ten rows of six. In the event therefore of the paper being inserted in the press sideways only seven rows (forty-two stamps) at the most could be printed upon it, since the paper would necessarily be longer than it was wide, even allowing for one row of stamps being printed on the margin. Under these circumstances therefore, and especially considering the great care with which all work at the De La Rue factory is examined and checked it is hard to find a satisfactory explanation of this anomaly.

Watermark Sideways.

4d carmine.

Shades.

The following varieties of shades exist in this series:—

3d chestnut, instead of red-brown.
1s deep orange, instead of orange.

On January 1st, 1879, in company with the other British West African possessions, Lagos became a member of the Universal Postal Union, and in consequence a revision of the foreign postal tariff of the Colony was effected as under:—

Post Office Notice.

"The following will be the uniform rates of postage chargeable on prepaid correspondence for the United Kingdom and countries of the "Postal Union" from the first day of April next, viz.: Letters 4d per ½ oz.; Newspapers 1d per 4 oz.; other printed papers and patterns 1s per lb. or 3d per 4 oz.; except when addressed via Brindisi.

Unpaid letters will be charged double on arrival at destination. The reduced rates on correspondence for countries not comprised in the "Postal Union" can be seen at the office daily during business hours.

By order,
W. E. Cole, Postmaster.
Post Office, Lagos, 22nd March, 1879.

At the same time the local postal rate was raised from 1d to 2d per ½-oz.

A new type of postmark introduced about this time consisted of a plain ellipse composed of eight thick bars, struck in black.

A further supply of Lagos postage stamps received in the Colony in June, 1882, was printed on paper watermarked Crown CA, to which the old form of Crown CC watermark had recently given place. The new initials represented "Crown Agents" (for the Colonies) the office in London through which the stamp supplies of this and the majority of other British possessions were requisitioned; this being considered more appropriate than the old Crown Colony watermark, as the same paper was frequently employed in printing the stamps of British possessions not administered under the Crown Colony system of government.

In all other respects this issue was identical with its predecessor, being completed by the addition of the 1sh value with the new watermark in March, 1885.

1882 (June) and 1885 (March). Design, etc., as before. Wmk. Crown CC. Perf. 14.

1d lilac-mauve.
2d blue.
3d chestnut.
4d carmine.
1sh orange (March, 1885).

During the currency of this series another new type of postmark was introduced comprising an ordinary circular date stamp inscribed "Lagos, W. Africa" around the circumference, with the date in the center.

The colour scheme of the Colony's postage stamps was revised between the years 1884 and 1886. The ½d and 1d values were issued in green and carmine respectively, in accordance with Postal Union usage, and at the same time changes were made in the colours of the 2d, 4d and 6d stamps to avoid confusion. Three high values were also added to the new series and were available for fiscal as well as purely postal purposes. No 3d or 1s stamps were included in the new series.

1884-86. Design as before. New colours and values. Wmk. Crown CA. Perf. 14. Dates of issue appended in brackets.

½d dull green (February, 1868).
1d rose-carmine (December, 1884).
2d grey (December, 1884).
4d lilac (December, 1884).
6d olive-green (December, 1884).
2sh 6d olive-black (October, 1886).
5sh deep blue (October, 1886).
10sh purple-brown (October, 1886).

From March, 1887, to February, 1894, all values from 2d upwards were issued with the body of the stamp printed in patent doubly-fugitive ink as a precaution against fraudulent cleaning and reuse of the stamps. This special ink being obtainable only in purple or green (black being a more recent discovery) one or other of these colours had to be used for every stamp in the series combined with the value inscription in a different hue, printed in ordinary singly fugitive ink. Four additional stamps were included in this series, their respective denominations being 2½d, 5d, 7½d and 10d. The first of these was intended for the prepayment of the single rate on foreign letters, and was accordingly printed entirely in blue, the colour prescribed by the Postal Union authorities for all stamps of this value. This provides the only exception to the use of doubly fugitive ink.

In considering the question of the issue of such out-of-the-way values as 5d, 7d, and 10d, it should be remembered that to a certain extent the postal tariffs of the British West African colonies are unified. Thus, when we find that three years after the issue of these stamps in Lagos a Post Office Act of the neighbouring Colony of Gambia established the following rates for the insurance of postal packets, and subsequently stamps of equivalent denominations were issued in that Colony, it appears highly probable that these Lagos stamps originated in a similar arrangement. The charges instituted by the Gambia Post Office for the insurance of parcels, etc., were:—

5d to secure compensation up to £12.
7½d to secure compensation up to £24.
10d to secure compensation up to £36.

Proofs of the 1884-1886 Issue: The 4d, 6d, 2sh 6d, 5sh and 10sh denominations of the 1884-86 series exist in an imperforate condition, and are probably proofs. Presumably the other values are also to be found in this state.

Imperforate.

4d pale violet.
6d olive-green.
2sh 6d olive-black.
5sh blue.
10sh purple-brown.

1887-94. Design as before. Bi-coloured. Value in second colour. Printed in doubly fugitive ink (except the 2½d). Typographed and printed by Messrs. Thos. De La Rue & Co. in London in sheets of 60 (ten rows of 6). Dates of issue appended in brackets.

2d purple and blue (March, 1887).
2½d blue (December, 1890).
3d purple and red-brown (April, 1891).
4d purple and black (March, 1887).
5d purple and green (February, 1894).
6d purple and mauve (March, 1887).
7½d purple and carmine (February, 1894).
10d purple and yellow (February, 1894).
1s blue-green and black (March, 1887).
2sh 6d blue-green & carmine (Mar., 1887).
5s blue-green and blue (March, 1887).
10s blue-green and brown (March, 1887).

These stamps remained current until the advent of the King's Head series, and the key-plate introduced as far back as 1874 was exclusively employed in their production right up to the year 1902, when, owing to its beginning to show signs of wear, Plate "1" was discarded, and a second plate numbered "2" brought into use, differing from

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Plate "1" in that the plate numbers appeared in white upon a solid circle of colour *in all four corners of the sheet,* and the sheet was encircled by a continuous marginal line in the colour of the body of the stamp; produced by a metal band level with the face of the plate, placed round it by the printers to ensure even wear, and known to philatelists as a Jubilee line. The only stamps printed from this second plate were the ½d, 1d, 6d and 1s.

A supply of the 6d value printed from Plate "2" and issued at Lagos in October, 1902, showed an error of colour, the value having inadvertently been inserted in carmine instead of mauve, as in the normal.

Error of Colour.

6d purple and carmine.

Shades: The colours in which the bodies of the stamps of this series were printed vary from deep to pale purple and from blue to yellow-green, whilst the words of value are also subject to considerable variation as regards colour. Some of the later impressions from Plate 1 are blurred and indistinct, but the so-called thick and thin lettering in the values is due chiefly to heavy or light inking and impressions.

The following are the most pronounced shades to be found in the stamps of the 1887-94 issue of Lagos:—

1d deep carmine.
2d purple and pale blue.
2½d ultramarine.
5d purple and deep green.
6d purple and pale mauve.
1s yellow-green and black.
2sh 6d blue-green and pale carmine.
5s blue-green and ultramarine.

A revision of the Inland postal tariff of the Colony was effected in 1887, in accordance with the following official notification:—

Post Office, Lagos, 27th October, 1887.

"With reference to the Post Office Notice of the 5th March, 1874, it is hereby notified for general information, that from and after this date, and until further notice, the Inland rate of postage on postal articles, despatched to and received from the Eastern and Western districts where there is a Postal Establishment shall be in accordance with the table hereunder, viz.:—

For a letter not exceeding ½ oz. in weight, 1d
For every newspaper, 1d
For newspapers in parcel, book-packets or samples of merchandise not exceeding 4 oz., 1d
For every additional 4 oz., 1d

If postage be not paid in advance a double postage will be demanded on delivery, and if the postage be insufficient, double the amount of the deficiency will be charged.

All letters, newspapers, parcels as described in the foregoing, from the districts for places beyond the sea, shall be charged at the same rates of postage as apply to the capital.

G. J. Cole, Postmaster."

A temporary shortage of ½d stamps occurring in August, 1893, was met by overprinting a quantity of the 4d denomination with the legend "Half Penny" in small Roman capitals with a thick black bar beneath, obliterating the original value inscription, for provisional use as ½d stamps.

The surcharge was applied locally to complete sheets by means of hand-stamps, apparently set up from a fount of moveable metal type. These hand-stamps were two in number, the one set up to overprint a horizontal pair of stamps at each impression, and the other to cover a horizontal strip of three. That overprinting a pair at once, may be distinguished by the "P" on the left hand stamp being dropped below the level of the other letters in the word "Penny." The thick bar cancelling the original value was composed of two narrow bars placed close together, and when insufficiently inked shows the two bars quite plainly.

The overprint measures 16 mm. in length and 1½ mm. in height, and the bar is 16¾ mm. long.

1893. August. Provisional Issue. One value. Overprinted "HALF PENNY" locally in the Colony in one line of small Roman capitals, and a thick black bar cancelling the original value inscription on the stamp of 1887.

Half Penny on 4d purple and black.

Variety.

The only important variety of this stamp is a double impression of the overprint, which occurred somewhat frequently on the sheets.

Double Surcharge.

Half Penny on 4d purple and black.

As one of the original signatories to the Convention, Lagos has participated in the Imperial Penny Postage agreement since December 25th, 1898.

In November, 1905, the following remainders of Queen's Head Lagos postage stamps were offered for sale in London by the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Duty	No. of Sheets	Colour
½d	1765	Green.
2d	4071	Lilac and blue.
3d	1430	Lilac and red-brown.
4d	1798	Lilac and black.
5d	959	Lilac and green.
6d	390	Lilac and purple.
7½d	546	Lilac and carmine.
10d	385	Lilac and yellow.
1sh	437	Green and black.
2sh 6d	301	Green and carmine.
5sh	315	Green and blue.
10sh	227	Green and brown.

It is understood that no satisfactory tenders were forthcoming and the above stocks were accordingly destroyed.

Not until January 22nd, 1904, was any change made in the design of the Lagos postage stamps, this being the last of the British possessions to issue King's Head postage stamps. The date on which they were first placed on sale was the third anniversary of His Majesty's accession to the Throne. Except for the substitution of Herr Emil Fuch's well known portrait of King Edward VII for that of Queen Victoria and the incorporation of a Royal Crown in the design, above the King's portrait, the new stamps presented no striking difference from those which they superseded. The word "Revenue" was, however, added to the inscription, thus clearly defining their dual application.

They were printed in sheets of 120 in two panes of sixty, side by side, each containing ten horizontal rows of six stamps, with continuous coloured marginal lines, and the plate number "1" in all four corners of the sheet; but were usually divided into half-panes of 60 prior to their being issued to the post offices.

The high values of this series are amongst the scarcest of the King's Head stamps with the Single Crown CA watermark, the numbers printed being 9360 of the 1sh, 1440 of the 2sh 6d, 1680 of the 5s and 720 of the 10s, the latter not being added to the series until November, 1904.

1904. January 22nd and November 26th (10s). New design as above. Head of King Edward VII. Wmk. Crown CA (single). Perf. 14. Bi-coloured. Value in second colour inserted at second printing. Typographed and printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., in London.

Numbers printed appended in brackets.

½d grey-green and blue-green.
1d purple and black on red.
2d purple and blue.
2½d purple and blue on blue.
3d purple and brown.
6d lilac and mauve.
1sh blue-green and black (9360).
2sh 6d blue-green and carmine (1440).
5sh blue-green and blue (1680).
10sh blue-green and brown (720).

Proof: A proof of the 1d King's Head stamp of Lagos, imperforate, is known printed in the colour of the 2½d value, viz.: purple and blue on *blue.*

Imperforate.

1d purple and blue on blue.

It will be noted that the values 4d, 5d, 7½d and 10d were not continued in this series.

Some time in 1905 a new duty-plate was brought into use for printing in the value on the 2½d stamps, in which the letters were of a uniform size, and all supplies of this stamp issued subsequent to October 13th, 1905, show this characteristic.

On the original "duty-plate" the value "2½ Penny" was set partly in large and partly in small type, and the two varieties occurred in adjoining rows of the stamps.

Variety.
Value in large thick letters.

2½d purple and blue on blue.

A few sheets of 2½d stamps with the single Crown CA watermark were included in a consignment chiefly composed of those having the Multiple watermark and printed on chalk-surfaced paper, received in the colony about that time.

All values of the King's Head stamps (excepting the 2½d) were issued during 1904-05 with the new multiple form of Crown CA watermark adopted at that period for the printing of British Colonial stamps. Instead of being arranged so that one complete watermark should appear on each stamp, the watermarks were slightly reduced in size and repeated close together over the entire area of the paper so that portions of two or more watermarks would fall on every stamp, instead of one only as formerly. The object of this watermark was to obviate the necessity for careful and accurate spacing, and at the same time to permit of the same paper being employed for stamps of all shapes and sizes. It was first brought into use by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. in May, 1904.

1904-5. King's Head design as before. Wmk. Multiple Crown CA. Perf. 14. Value in second colour. Dates of issue appended in brackets.

½d dull-green & blue-green (Oct. 30th, 1904).
1d purple & black on red (Oct. 22nd, 1904).
2d purple and blue (February, 1905).
3d lilac and brown (April 27th, 1905).
6d purple and mauve (Oct. 31st, 1904).
1sh blue-green & black (Oct. 31st, 1904).
2sh 6d blue-green and carmine (Dec. 3rd, 1904).
5sh blue-green and blue (Jan., 1905).
10sh blue-green and brown (Dec. 3d, 1904).
5sh blue-green and blue (Oct. 21st, 1906).
10sh blue-green and brown (Mar. 12, 1906).

In September, 1905, the 1d value was issued printed on the new chalk-surfaced paper which had been introduced by the printers in that year as an additional safeguard against cleaning, and was employed exclusively in the production of stamps printed in doubly-fugitive inks and destined for both postal and revenue purposes. Subsequently the entire series made its appearance on this paper.

1905-6. Design, etc., as before. Wmk. Multiple Crown CA. Perf. 14. Chalk-surfaced paper. Dates of issue appended in brackets.

½d grey-green & blue-green (Mar. 12, 1906).
1d purple & black on red (Sept. 21, 1905).
2d purple and blue (Sept. 25th, 1906).
2½d purple & blue on blue (Oct. 13, 1905).
3d lilac and brown (August 2nd, 1906).
6d purple and mauve (March 1st, 1906).
1sh blue-green and black (April, 1906).
2sh 6d blue-green and carmine (Oct. 21, 1906).
5sh blue-green and blue (Oct. 21st, 1906).
10sh blue-green & brown (Mar. 12th, 1906).

Varieties.

The following values of this series are known with the watermark inverted.

Inverted Watermark.

½d grey-green and blue-green.
1sh blue-green and black.

Forgeries.

Collectors should be on their guard against a number of dangerous fakes of the high-value stamps of Lagos, both King's and Queen's head, which are on the market. They are extemporised with the aid of the regular halfpenny stamps of the colony from which the value tablet has been removed and one bearing a higher denomination inserted in its place.

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On May 1st, 1906, Lagos was incorporated in Southern Nigeria, and with a view to facilitating the speedy exhaustion of the stock of King's Head Lagos postage stamps remaining on hand at the Lagos Treasury (which in the ordinary course of events would suffice to meet the postal requirements of the colony for a period of nearly twelve years), the current postage stamps of Southern Nigeria were temporarily withdrawn from sale and those of Lagos issued to all post offices in both Lagos and Southern Nigeria so long as the supply lasted. This was done on July 1st, 1906, and by the end of 1908 the Lagos postage stamps had been completely exhausted; since when none but stamps inscribed Southern Nigeria have been in use throughout the combined territories.

At this point, therefore, the word "Finis" may be inscribed beneath the history of Lagos as a separate stamp issuing colony.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

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President, W. D. Grout; 1st Vice President, William C. Stone; 2nd President, W. S. Aldrich; Secretary, Otto F. Moses; Treasurer, H. S. Ackerman. There were 71 ballots cast out of a membership of 124.

President Saxton sent a short message reviewing the year and expressing his regrets at not being able to attend. He tendered the Board of Governors the sum of $25 to be used as a recruiting prize or for the best manuscript bearing on revenues. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered him for the gift.

Secretary Moses reported a present membership of 124, a net loss of 18 over last year, 0 new members and one reinstatement being reported, while 9 members resigned, and 19 were dropped for non-payment of dues.

He made a number of recommendations regarding the work of the society in the nature of suggestions for stirring up interest and also suggested that arrangements be made if possible to secure space in the *American Philatelist* for setting forth the advantages of our society. These recommendations will be considered by the Board of Governors, to whom they were referred after discussion.

The report of Treasurer Ackerman showed that for the first time in two years we have a balance on hand in the general fund. The total receipts for the year were $133.50 and the expenditures $85.39, leaving a balance of $48.21 in the general fund together with $61.76 in the insurance fund. This latter fund by the way has only been drawn on three times in the history of the society and that was about four years ago. This speaks well for the quality of our membership.

It was voted that in view of the fact that we have no regular auditing committee that the chair appoint an auditor to audit the above report and that in future the Board of Governors take the same action prior to the convention so that the report will have been approved when presented to the convention. H. E. Deats was appointed to audit the present report.

Sales Superintendent W. C. Emery reported sales of $72.11 from the five circuits sent out. The small results are due to the failure of the members to send in sheets and to the poor quality of many of those sent. There is a market for good things but members seem to be afraid to send them in. The same state of affairs prevails in the Foreign Revenue section where Supt. Homburger reports only one circuit sent out with sales of only $3.78.

The Counterfeit Detector reported no business which evidently means that there are very few forgeries in this branch of philately.

The Expert committee reported at some length on the difficulty of determining the differences in the various papers, etc.

No deaths were reported by the Obituary committee and the Recruiting committee apologized for the poor showing made during the past year.

Owing to the inability of the Literature committee to prepare a report Wm. C. Stone gave a brief summary of what few facts he had been able to gather in the few days before the convention. A new edition of Forbin's catalogue of foreign revenues was announced as nearly ready and also a work on the private proprietary stamps of the United States by R. DeL. French. Attention was also called to Chapter 770 of the Acts of the last Massachusetts legislature which provided for the issuing of stock transfer stamps December 1, 1914. Suggestions were made as to issuing an index of magazine articles on revenue stamps and also a handbook of American stamped paper to include not only bank checks, etc., but the early colonial issues, etc., as well.

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The chairman gave summary of our present membership by states, and also a few statistics concerning our seven previous conventions which showed that Atlantic City and Springfield were the only conventions at which both President and Secretary were present and at Chicago the Secretary only, while at all others temporary officers have had to be selected.

WILLIAM C. STONE.

CONVENTIONALITIES.

Alvin Good circulated about gracefully followed by a crowd of ardent admirers who felt that they were basking in the favor of the great, and that they were amply repaid by a chaste smile occasionally.

H. E. Deats proved that philatelic knighthood was still in flower. He dispensed candy to the fair and cigars to the brave.

We missed the two "Ex's," F. R. Cornwall and H. N. Mudge, O, so sorely. Is this tear unmanly?

The unexpectedly large attendance was credited in large measure to the absence of H. Wesley Legg.

C. V. Webb was the pride and pet of the convention. Clarence is making history and is living in a whirl of philatelic excitement.

C. W. Kissinger, our friend for a quarter century, still finds enjoyment in livening up philatelic affairs of state.

Wm. L. Stevenson created consternation by actually speaking of stamps at the philatelic convention.

P. M. Wolsieffer was greeted with the well known "thunders of applause" when he arose in his majesty to clarify the convention atmosphere with a few characteristic remarks.

Henry Ades Fowler's capacious mind was occupied wholly by the auction sale, which was conducted according to schedule and was entertainment of the best order.

Edgar Nelton's books of covers made some of the most valuable volumes that ever dazzled the eyes of open-mouthed collectors.

Wendover Neefus did not allow time to hang heavily on his hands. He was in the thick of it all and a moving picture only could describe his activities.

Hugh C. Barr,—but words fail us and a throbbing pulse makes our typewriter nerveless. (Mr. Barr with a spirit that deserves utmost emulation gave us several old postal documents).

Geo. L. Toppan had his hand on the throttle and all went well. Yet he had his moments of relaxation which added to the enjoyment of all.

H. F. Colman was a distinct acquisition and if a most popular man present contest had been held his name would have been in the running.

The Detroit, Cleveland, Rochester, St. Louis and Philadelphia delegations were composed of the philatelic elect of their respective cities. There was nothing rowdy about any of these gentlemen.

Believing that extreme culture ran to simplicity, the Chicago delegation conducted itself quietly and effaced itself at every opportunity.

The Doeblins were in demand and they held constant levees as they moved through the throngs that blocked their way.

We were pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Kissinger, Mr. and Mrs. Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg again. May they continue to adorn our annual gatherings.

Frank H. Burt, the old reliable convention reporter, did the work and we shall have the best account of the convention proceedings that we have had for many a day, we trow.

R. J. Wagner has got the convention habit and we must say that he fits into the photograph very nicely.

Howard H. Elliott was not a bit quarrelsome but much to general surprise he did not invest in those bargain sets that we brought along for those we wished to favor.

L. C. Hassler was present and spent much of his time in shaking hands with his host of friends, old and new.

From farthest west came Dr. W. I. Mitchell of Wichita, Kansas, who picked up some good stamps as well as extracted a good time.

Donald R. Heath knows how to grasp the psychological moment. He renewed his subscription to the WEEKLY when financial clouds were lowering.

Mrs. Louise W. Kellogg was a magnetic force on all occasions; and had her share of business and pleasure. (We hope that the two flags she bought are waving proudly).

Miss Winans is a new member worth while. She came to the convention all the way from New York City. We noticed that many of the members took pleasure in showing her stamps.

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This is how it appeared in the *Boston Journal*:—

"When she had reached quarantine the Essex was but a small blot of smoke on the horizon. Then it was that Capt. Filsinger, after nearly a hundred hours' duty on his bridge, collapsed.

"There were gentle hands there to catch the falling marine master when he fell and he was taken below to his cabin. The roughest of his sailors had nothing but praise for their sturdy captain, who, when capture had threatened, had stood on his bridge and run his ship through a North Atlantic fog without lights to a port of safety.

"After a couple of hours' rest Capt. Filsinger arose and after a drink of coffee, talked with the customs and medical officers who had boarded his ship. He was very anxious for the latest war news, although his operator had been picking up much from the air.

"When a *Journal* reporter arrived on board he found the captain seated at the table in his cabin with a large book of stamps in front of him, calmly putting in several stamps he had secured in Canada.

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THE NEW AUSTRALIAN STAMPS.

Of late we have been afraid to make any announcements regarding the preparation of new stamps, of which a good deal has been heard, lest before the ink was dry we might have to make others, but the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 3rd July contains an announcement which must be taken as authoritative.

On the previous day Mr. Agar Wynne, as Postmaster General, bade farewell to the staff of the Sydney G. P. O.

"Speaking of the issue of the new stamps, Mr. Wynne said he expected the new 1d stamp to be in general use by the end of the month. Within a week there would be a million of the 2d, 6d and 1sh stamps available."

It is of course known that the 1d stamp will be similar to those with the portrait of King George issued recently, but printed from steel plate electros. We anticipate that there will be an improvement on those printed from the engraved plates. The *Sun*, a local newspaper, published on 25th June an illustration of the 1sh stamp. The design is taken from the design of the stamps of West Australia before the Federation. The new stamp will be printed in sepia tint, this being considered as the most distinctive colour. Perhaps the fact that Sir John Forrest is the Federal Treasurer may account for the fact of the swan having been selected for so much distinction. Sir John is a very great "barracker" for West Australia, where all his interests are, and he believes in the value of advertising.

Notwithstanding the official announcement by the Postmaster-General, we receive it with a certain amount of reserve, for we have not forgotten the manner in which the public has already been humbugged and hoodwinked. We shall believe that the stamps have been issued when we see them, and after we have seen them we shall illustrate them, but not before.

The Federal Parliament has been dissolved and a new election of both Houses is fixed for 5th September. Mr. Wynne is definitely retiring from Parliamentary life. On 22nd inst. he will leave Australia for London. From thence he will proceed to the postal conference at Madrid at the request of the present Government, so there will be a new Postmaster-General no matter which party is returned to power. If the Labor party gets a majority there is a great probability that they will throw out the stamps bearing the new designs, and reinstate the kangaroos, so the situation is most interesting, for if new 1d, 2d, 6d and 1sh stamps are issued within the next few weeks and the Labor Party is returned to power on 5th September, there is a possibility that these stamps may have a very short life. If so it will be a merry one, for the speculators will have a lively time.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* published on 20th of last month an article regarding the present constitution of the post office, which we republish for the benefit of our readers:—

"Mr. Agar Wynne has struggled valiantly with an almost hopeless task in existing circumstances. But the Postmaster-General has found his path obstructed at every turn. He was not long in charge of his department before he learned that it was immersed in red tape, and that what was needed was business management by business men. The Government policy in this connection was the control of the Post Office by a permanent commission, whose function would be to restore efficiency to the service by business methods. The Government, however, was prevented from carrying out its intentions in this direction by the Parliamentary situation. It was impossible to proceed with such useful, non-controversial measures as would have established this commission with the precarious position which confronted it in the House of Representatives, and the hopeless minority in which it found itself in the Senate.

"Efficient business management in the Post Office is still one of the aims of the Government, and in appealing to the country for support at the coming elections Ministers will make an appeal which would go home to every elector. Every man and woman in the country sends and receives letters; a considerable majority of them despatch telegrams; there are few who do not at some time or other use the telephone. They are all, therefore, intimately affected by the present inefficiency of the Post Office of the Commonwealth; they are all interested in seeing that inefficiency replaced by efficient management.—*Australia Stamp Journal.*

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The Economist Stamp Co. calls our attention to an error which occurred in the firm's advertisement in No. 1233. The 16 varieties of Hayti stamps offered for $1.15 should read 90c. A refund of 25c will be made to those who have purchased this set.

—Theodore Siddall, who has been journeying to China and Japan sends us some cards as a friendly token of remembrance. Such courtesies are always appreciated by the editor.

—We have received from L. A. Beebe, Yonkers, N. Y., printed particulars of the special offerings made by him in connection with approval selections of original covers. Mr. Beebe is specializing in this line of goods and with the popularity that original covers enjoy, his circular should be of interest to all who collect them.

—The Wm. J. Kennedy Stationery Co., St. Louis, Mo., has sent us what is known as a philatelic stamp mailer. It consists of a book made up in the form of an approval book, but containing moisture proof envelopes in place of the regulation leaves. These envelopes are transparent, so that stamps can be examined without removal. No doubt a sample of the mailer can be secured from the firm in question.

—J. A. Galbraith of N. Y. City resumes his advertising this week. He has just returned from a trip abroad, where he visited Germany, France and England.

—We have no less than five applications for advertising space on the first page. In their order the applicants rank as follows: Eugene Klein, M. Ohlman, Iole Dione, Lincoln Stamp Co. and Bryant Pollard.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Chas. J. Ludwig, Jr., Francis Dessert, H. F. Howlett and W. P. Lyon.

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AT HOME AGAIN!

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Had Germany delayed for three days her declaration of war we should have been in Berlin.

Had England delayed for twenty-four hours her declaration of war against Germany the good ship Eskimo would have landed us in Hull.

As it is, we are in the United States thanks to good generalship coupled with the good luck that was ours.

The past week has been a busy one but things are now well straightened out and we are ready for the fall campaign.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

The Mad War—The European war is affecting economic conditions throughout the world and perforce philately will not wholly escape the ripples of unrest that extend to the farthest shores. Yet, while not wholly exempt from the malign influences that attend an upheaval of nations, philately abides in a sequestered nook from which it plainly hears the turmoil of battle but remains safe from the strife. The uncertainty that is an accompaniment of the chaos that now reigns is such that it is idle to predict when and how the readjustment that must come will be made. Philatelists who are given to that sort of thing may speculate with more or less enthusiasm about the possibilities of new issues and provisionals from the "theatre of war."

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Routine Resumed—Our long-lost managing editor, Willard O. Wylie, is home after wandering about various foreign strands and we are glad of it and so is he. He arrived at New York on the 18th of August safe and sound but not without some agitation of mind as a result of war experiences. He was about to leave Christiania for Germany when the news of the declaration of war against Russia was received and he then knew it would be impossible to get through the German lines. So, he secured a booking on the "Eskimo" of Hull, England, but when the "Eskimo" reached Christiania, it delayed sailing for thirty-six hours and when word came that England had declared war, in effect, on Germany, the owners refused to allow the boat to leave. Four days later, the "United States" was to sail from Copenhagen and Mr. Wylie made haste to engage passage and though he had to take the steerage, yet he was able to get first-class table accommodations on the boat. Needless to say, Mr. Wylie was fortunate in being in Norway and adjacent to Denmark, two neutral countries.

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Mails Delayed—Our foreign mail gives evidence of the stress abroad and we have received nothing from the countries at war for a week past. We have been told that thousands of sacks of mail are held up in German ports, Kiel, Bremen and Cuxhaven. Our postal department is making every effort to facilitate the carriage of mail by avoiding the countries at war, in routing it. It is the intention of the department to keep the public informed of developments in the foreign service and the newspapers will give early information. It follows that stamp dealers will find their European business curtailed for the time being.

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Effect of War—A shrewd observer of philatelic conditions both in America and abroad says that the war "which is almost unbelievable in its horror" will alter many plans and that he thinks that it will be years before one would now seek Europe either for rest or business. He expects stamp collecting in general, "particularly among the more advanced collectors along the broader lines will be materially affected. * * * There being no market abroad for the rarities which have been accustomed to go to that side, the market will sag and it really will be a very good opportunity for some of our very advanced collectors to buy choice things that usually are absorbed by the European market. This, however, does not affect the average dealer; and it is more than likely that the unsettled financial conditions, directly and indirectly due to the war, will affect the big buyers in this country." The assumption is that the New York and other eastern dealers who have close European connections will feel the strain.

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Embarrassing—Our correspondent quoted in the preceding paragraph brings forth a question that is somewhat involved and delicate. We know from repeated biographical statements to that effect that the "greatest stamp collector in the world" is associated intimately with Austria and in fact, lives in the Austrian embassy in Paris. Our informant says: "Now that France is at war with Austria, he will probably be 'up in the air.' * * * and his buying probably will be interrupted for some time. This, you may know, will make a decided difference to many of the dealers to whom his purchases have been a source of continual income."

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Calling the Roll—Since our inquiries concerning the safety of Americans travelling in Europe were made several weeks ago, we have had assurances that not a few of them had reached America after experiences more or less disconcerting; and that others were "resting" in different countries eagerly anticipating their return. We have received a most interesting letter from Mr. Eugene Klein of Philadelphia who has arrived home after thrilling experiences; he writes from Philadelphia under date of August 21st:

"I am glad to inform you that I reached here with my wife and six year old daughter, Dorothy. We were in Triest when the war broke out and as the steamer on which we were to have sailed did not leave, we thought it best to go to Antwerp which was then considered neutral territory. We travelled by way of Salzburg, Munich, Frankfort (Main), Cologne, Aix-la-Chapelle, Herbesthal to the Belgian border, and then through Brussels to Antwerp. All the railroad stations were guarded by soldiers. The train service was demoralized. We saw families separated owing to the confusion. Baggage, including trunks and hand bags, was piled up 10 to 15 feet high at nearly all stations where passengers were not permitted to take anything into the trains with them. During our stay in Antwerp we were witnesses of the mob rule which demolished German owned stores, compelling the owners to flee for their lives. Many Germans were sent to prison on suspicion of being spies.

We sailed from Antwerp on August 6th on the S. S. Marguette, arriving in Boston on the 17th. We had great difficulty in navigating through the mines in the Schelde River and the North Sea, and were stopped by British cruisers half dozen times, which did not allow us to pass until they found out our ship was British. The signal to stop was usually followed by two cannon shots which did not help in the least to reassure us.

There were 125 passengers which is a small percentage of Americans in Europe at the present time."

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Another From Mexico—We take the opportunity to interpolate the remark that another provisional has come from Mexico. A cover was seen bearing the current five centavos orange, with the surcharge in purple: "Gobierno," in curved line, above the letters, "Z. M." and below in line curving upward, "Constitucionalista." Particulars of this new surcharge will soon be forthcoming.

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The Other Conventions—In another column is an account of the convention recently at Niagara Falls of the United States Revenue Society by Mr. William C. Stone. We should not neglect to say that the Precanceled Stamp Club held its convention likewise at the same place with a comparatively good attendance. The presence of authorities on precanceled stamps, such as Messrs. Coolidge and Myers, made the session of interest as their observations were of instructive interest to the delegates. We gathered from the opinions expressed at the meeting that the field of precanceled stamps was singularly free from the incursions of fraudulent creations, somewhat contrary to the belief of the uninformed.

PUTNEY COMES TO BOSTON.

We are pleased to note that Freeman Putney is now in Boston, where he is associated with the New England Stamp Co. and will take charge of the approval and mail order department. Mr. Putney is a valuable man in the stamp trade and Boston is the richer by his presence with us.

Mr. Barker, who was formerly in charge of this department, has purchased the business and good will of the Hub Stamp Co., at 345a Washington St. This office is well located and we predict that Mr. Barker will have a large measure of success.

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Japan 1908, 5 yen green. " .35
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***Costa Rica** '89, 1c to 1p..... " .27
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205 all different foreign stamps.
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Norway Centenary 5, 10, 15 ore, 3 var... .18

SOCIAL SPRAY.

By Miss Gushie Gurgle.

Didn't we just have the grandest time at Niagara Falls. Nearly everybody was there; I know that I was. And wasn't it lovely the way we forgot all of our cares and enjoyed ourselves. Why even Hughey Clark unbent and had a real jolly time.

Monday evening, an informal reception was given to General and Mrs. Coolidge which was really the beginning of the social part of the convention.

When we registered on Tuesday morning and received the beautiful buttons which were given by the Buffalo Club, we really felt that we were a part of the American Philatelic Society.

Then that afternoon we had our picture taken and such a time as we had getting fixed for it. It was a disappointment to me not to have the Horse-Shoe Falls for a back ground, but some of the men were so fussy about getting into the spray. Chester Myers says it always uncurls his mustache and Cliffy Kissinger says it affects his the same way.

I wanted to sit beside Geo. Toppan, but what do you think, he wouldn't be in the picture at all.

Billy Stone is right in the center of the picture with the dearest little smile.

Mr. Levy doesn't think his picture is at all natural but really it is an excellent likeness.

Mr. Crowell takes such a good picture. He is so romantic looking.

After the picture was taken we walked to the Shredded Wheat Factory where we saw the entire process of making shredded wheat biscuit. The party was taken in three relays to a lunch room and served a nice little luncheon of the products of the factory. We noticed that Mr. Batchelder went in each time. He says he just loves shredded wheat biscuit, "eats 'em by the bale."

Mr. Doeblin took some home in his pockets.

The gorge trip which we took on Wednesday is a perfectly delightful one. The cars start from Monument Square, Niagara Falls, New York, cross the new bridge into Victoria Park from where an excellent view of the falls is had and follows the river on the Canadian side to Queenstown, Ont. We had a stop over of fifteen minutes to visit the Brock Monument. Five members of the American Philatelic Society who had attended the convention at Niagara Falls in 1892 had their pictures taken here. They were Deats, Fowler, Doeblin, Kissinger and Stone. I hope they will give me one.

From Queenstown we crossed the river into Lewiston, New York, and back to Niagara Falls past the rapids and whirlpool. Fred Michael wonders why the whirlpool whirls.

Mrs. Kellogg and Charlie Severn had a spirited debate as to whether an animal which was seen in the woods was a wood-chuck or a chip-munk. I am sure it was a cat.

We reached the hotel safely at five-thirty after having spent a delightful afternoon.

The Bourse was held Wednesday evening. Everybody bought and sold stamps to their heart's content. There were so many beautiful stamps and books. I thought Father Kaib's book of U. S. Proofs was just too lovely for anything; he certainly had them arranged beautifully. After the Bourse was over we all went to the cabaret and had a jolly time. We expected that Ham Barnum would be there too, but for some reason or other he didn't put in an appearance. We all missed him. And Percy Mann did the tango beautifully; I really think he is a better dancer than an editor.

Mr. Aldrich says he can dance, too,—I think he was a little jealous of Percy.

Thursday morning the women of the convention were taken on a trip in one of the sight-seeing autos. We felt like real tourists, and just think, we were personally escorted by an ex-mayor of Niagara Falls. We learned all about the origin of the name "Goat Island" and a lot of other things that I have forgotten now.

At Fowler's sale Thursday, the funniest thing happened. Mrs. Schlieckert nearly bought a stamp. She put her hand up to her hair and the auctioneer called it a bid. Mrs. S. just laughed and laughed.

Wasn't it nice of Mr. Linn to give us those little blue buttons and the Sonora proofs.

Mr. Ault was so busy during the whole convention that we didn't see nearly as much of him as we wanted to.

Mrs. Coolidge's charming manner and the General's geniality made the social side of the convention a complete success.

Wasn't the youngest collector cute?

And girls, did you meet the reporter? Wasn't she the most adorable thing?

PRICED CHECK LIST OF

Mexican Revolutionary Postage Stamps

No.		New.	Used
	SONORA STATE.		
1	1c	$1.00	..
	(a) same, watermarked	1.25	..
2	2c Heavy numeral	1.50	1.50
	(a) same, watermarked	1.75	..
3	2c Roman numeral	3.00	3.50
	(a) same, watermarked	5.00	..
4	3c	3.50	..
5	5c Heavy numeral	..	6.50
	(a) Error CENTAVB	10.00	..
6	10c	3.50	..
7	5c Gothic numeral	..	7.50
	Rouletted in Black.		
8	5c Gothic numeral	..	8.00
	With Green Seal Rouletted Colorless.		
9	1c	.75	..
	(a) same, watermarked	1.00	..
10	3c	.50	..
	(a) same, watermarked	.75	..
11	5c	..	25.00
12	10c	.75	..
	(a) same, watermarked	1.00	..
	Faint Black Roulette.		
13	1c	.25	.60
14	2c	.35	.60
15	3c	.50	.60
	(a) Error CENTAVO	2.00	..
16	5c	.50	.40
	(a) Error MARO	3.50	2.50
17	5c lilac brown	3.00	1.50
	Imperforate (printed lines).		
18	1c	.35	..
	Pairs, strips or sheets at same rate if on hand, we have a good many.		
	EJERCITO ISSUE 1913.		
No.		New.	Used
19	1c	.20	.25
	(a) same, with talon	..	1.00
20	2c	.75	.50
	(a) same, with talon	..	1.50
21	5c	.20	.12
	(a) same, with talon	..	1.50
22	10c maroon	1.00	1.50
23	20c green	1.25	..
	TRANSITORIO ISSUE 1914.		
24	1c blue	.04	.04
25	2c yellow green	.05	.04
26	4c purple	.04	.04
27	5c grey green	.15	.03
28	10c bright rose	.15	.25
29	20c brown	..	.50
30	50c magenta	..	1.00
31	1 peso, purple	..	2.50
	Provisional half of 10c used as 5c.	..	1.00

No.		New.	Used
	Same Design, Re-drawn, Perforated		
32	5c green	.03	.08
	Surcharged "G. C. M." Monogram on Federal Stamps in Violet or Magenta.		
33	1c violet	.30	.50
34	3c brown	.75	1.00
35	4c carmine	.50	.75
36	5c yellow	.30	.25
37	10c blue and orange	1.50	1.50
	Surcharged in Magenta.		
38	1c violet	.50	.75
39	2c green	.90	1.00
40	3c brown	..	1.00
41	5c yellow	..	1.50
42	10c blue and orange	..	1.50
43	15c blue and rose	..	3.00
44	20c red and blue	2.00	3.00
45	50c brown and black	..	5.00
46	1 peso, black and blue	..	7.50
	Surcharged in Green.		
47	3c brown	..	3.00
48	5c yellow	..	3.00
	CURRENT ISSUE.		
49	1c light blue	.02	.04
50	2c yellow green	.03	.04
51	3c orange	.03	.08
52	5c carmine	.04	.03
53	10c red	.08	.10
54	15c rose lilac	.12	..
55	50c yellow	.35	..
56	1 peso, violet	.60	..

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

BOSNIA

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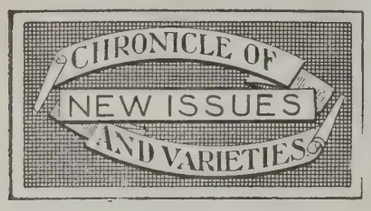
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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AUSTRALIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* is informed that all stamps prior to the Kangaroo series have been recalled and are no longer obtainable at the minor offices. This also applies to all stationery except reply post cards, Queen, and letter cards, King, of which no others have yet been printed.

CAPE VERDE.—Mr. Schachne reports the latest issues of entires as detailed below.

Post Cards.

1c green and black on buff.
2c red and black on buff.
1x1c green and black on buff.
2x2c red and black on white.

Letter Cards.

2½c lilac and black on yellow.
5c blue and black on white.
2½cx2½c lilac and black on yellow.

HONDURAS. — Gerald D. Bliss has shown us two split provisionals from this country, the 20c yellow and the 50c red of the current lithographed set having been divided diagonally and the halves used as 10c and 25c respectively.

INDIA.—*Hyderabad.*—New stationery is chronicled by *La Revue Philatelique Francais,* according to *Ewen's Weekly.*

Envelope.

½a bright green on white.

Post Card.

½a red brown on buff.

Jaipur.—Two new postcards are issued for this State, according to the authorities quoted above.

Post Cards.

½a red violet on gray blue.
½x½a red violet on gray blue.

NICARAGUA.—We are indebted to H. Chitraro and Gerald D. Bliss for specimens of split provisionals from this country. The 10c on 2p Cordoba. Euguie, has been divided diagonally and each half used as five cents.

PORTUGUESE CONGO.—Two stamps of Angola have been made available for use in Portuguese Congo, by overprinting "Congo" in black. One has new value, also in black. Both stamps have the overprint "Republica" in red.

Provisional Adhesives.

On stamps of Angola.

2½r gray.
"25" on 200r red lilac.

TIMOR.—The *Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles a number of provisional postage due stamps with "Republica" overprinted locally. All are diagonally placed, the first four having the overprint reading from upper left downward, and the others from lower left upward, there being two types of the overprint.

Provisional Postage Due Adhesives.

9a on 75r rose.
15a on 10r red lilac.
15a on 300r blue.
3a rose.
5a on 5r yellow.
5a on 25r green.
5a on 50r light blue.
6a on 2½r chocolate.
6a on 20r lilac.
9a on 15r chocolate.
15a on 100r brown.
22a on 80r pale green.
22a on 200r blue.
3a green.
10a on 12a slate gray.

TOGO.—This German colony has at last put in circulation the 10pf carmine of the current series on watermarked paper. Other values are reported to have been ready for some time, but have been held back until the old supply became exhausted.

ZAMBESIA.—Several values of the older issues have been overprinted "Republica" in heavy condensed Gothic type. *L'Echo* says that Yvert & Tellier's Nos. 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 44 and 45 have been thus treated.

AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY IN THE BADEN ISSUES.

Posthumos discoveries as regards the extinct issues of Europe have been relatively few as compared with other quarters of the globe, a state of things that may be attributed to the superior mechanical skill and equipment possessed by the producers of stamps of the leading European nations. It is therefore curious that in the relatively small and unimportant Duchy of Baden two of the most important discoveries, and of the greatest rarity, should have been made. A few years since, as will be in the memory of our readers, the first issue of the stamps of Baden, issued May 1st, 1851, was found to have included an error of colour, viz. the 9 kreuzer in green in lieu of its normal shade of dull rose. Received at first with some scepticism, on account of the apparent facility with which the former colour could be made by chemical manipulation to succeed the latter, the subsequent finding of several copies, including one or more specimens on the original, fully convinced the doubters, and this stamp today is fully recognized and justly esteemed as one of the great rarities of the issues of the German States.

It is in the second issue of Baden—that of March, 1853—in which only the colours of the first issue were changed as regards the 1, 3 and 6 kreuzers, that the discovery has been made—viz. the 1 kreuzer, black on white, printed *tête-bêche.* The specimen in question was described and illustrated in Herr H. Kohler's auction sale, held at Berlin, on June 17-19, it being stated to be unique and to have come from the collection of the late Ludwig Schwarz of Vienna. The "piece" in question consists of three specimens of the 1kr black on white, on a piece of the original paper postmarked "155" within concentric circles. Two of these stamps are a normal horizontal pair and a single specimen to right separated by a blank space of about 11½ mm., the latter being inverted in relation to the former, and clearly denoting a second impression or pane on the same original sheet. In this respect the discovery is similar to that of the 2d Sydney View (*vide* "New South Wales." Vol. I) or the 27p of Moldavia, and is not as in the case of the 1849 French, the 4d West Australian, and other cases, an inverted *cliché* or die. This specimen realised at Herr Köhler's sale about £175, and compared with the value attached to the West Australian "inverted centre" cannot be said to have been overvalued, although it is perhaps of not quite the same philatelic importance.

A very interesting and exhaustive history of the first issue of Baden will be found in Judge Lindenberg's *Die Briefmarken von Baden* (Hugo Krötzsch & Co., Leipsic), from which we learn that the first printings of this value of 1851 were in sheets of 50 specimens, but, owing doubtless to the increased demand, the sheets were subsequently (1853) increased to 100 specimens, and that pending the ultimate duplication of the original lithograph, the printer had recourse to printing twice on the same sheet from the original 50 formation, and in this operation one of the impressions was inverted in relation to the other. In the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* of July 2nd our readers will also find an exhaustive and valuable article on this most interesting relic of past Philately. The ardour of our Teutonic friends has no need of any spur with regard to their own old issues, but this new find should stimulate German collectors in their quests, and it may be that other collectors will find they have entertained a philatelic angel unawares. It is curious to a degree that the most interesting task in old German issues that still awaits future solution, the building up of the types of Oldenburg issues 1 and 3, has never been attempted—and one can but hope that a Teutonic Hausburg will yet arise to work out this important problem.—*London Philatelist.*

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U. S. $1.00 black 1902	1.35
Parcel Post Due, set	1.10
Parcel Post Due, 25c	.60
Postal Telegraph 1901 to 6, for	.50
Abyssinia 1909, 8 and 16, 2 for	2.00
Angola 1911, second set of 10	1.45
Antigua 1903, 5sh	1.90
Argentine 1910, 12 bistre, scarce	.50
Australia 1902, 5sh Due	2.40
10sh Kangaroo	3.15
Austria 10 guld, 1907	2.70
Levant 30pi green, Due	1.90
Azores 1910, 50c rose, error	4.50
1911, Republica set to 1000	4.15
1911, 14 surcharges	3.80
1912, ¼c to 1E set of 15	3.60
Bahamas 1£ Edward	7.20
1£ George	6.10
Barbados 1903, 2sh 6d CA	1.40
8d CAC	2.40
2sh 6d CAC	1.90
Bavaria 1911, 3 mark	.95
Benadir 1907, 7 surcharges	1.10
Bermuda page complete	2.46
3d, 1913	.09
British Central Africa 4sh CC	2.10
6d multiple	3.25
British Guiana 1905, 60c	.85
1905, 72c	1.10
1905, 2.40	7.50
1, 2, 5, 6, 12 George	.38
Brit. Honduras 20c 1902	.40
$5.00 George	6.10
Solomon Islands 1907, set	2.75
1908 to 1sh	1.35
1908 5sh	2.20
Brunei 1906, 50 on 16	1.90
1906, $1.00 on 8c	2.60
1907, 5c blue	1.30
Cameroons 1907, 5m wmk.	1.55
Canada Dues, set of 3	.14
Canal Zone on U. S., set of 5	1.60
Cape of Good Hope, 5sh	1.90
Cape Verde 1911, Manuel set	2.80
1904 Dues, set of 10	2.10
Cayman 1sh multiple	1.40
4d brown	1.30
4d on yellow	2.60
10sh Edward	3.60
Ceylon 1.50-2.25 multiple	2.15
1910, 2R Edward	1.40
1912, 10R George	4.20
China 1914, $2.00	1.40
1914, $1.00	.70
Cook Island 1d Crown	3.75
Columbian Rep. 1905, 50 & 100 pen (list $10.)	3.60
Costa Rica 1911, set of 13 (Nos. 86 to 100, all but 2)	2.70
Cuba 1914, $1.00 all black	1.40
1914, map set to $1.00	2.35
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6pi CA	1.64
45pi multiple	1.90
George, 12pi	.42
Dahomey 1913, set to 5f	3.35
Dominica 2sh 6d CA	1.60
5sh CA	3.75
5sh CAC	1.80
5sh George	1.60
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4 rupee CC	2.75
5 rupees Edward	3.60
George 1 rupee	.44
Elobey 1908, 5 on 4 (No. 56)	.70
1908, 10 on 25 (No. 58)	7.00
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Fiji 5sh Edward	1.90
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	.40
Gold Coast 2sh on blue	1.00
Great Britain 10sh Edward	3.60
Levant 2.20 on 4d green	2.20
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1911, 5dr blue	1.40
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$1.00 CAC	1.20
$2.00 1910	2.00
$1.00 George	.60
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THE BOY THAT WAS.

By Edwin B. Hill.

The years had slipped away, and the Boy had grown grey with the passing. He was not old—the Boy said so himself; and his friends, who loved and trusted him, as friends do (and, thanks be! have always done, and will forever do!), likewise declared that he was not old, either in soul or in spirit. Some days, however, the Boy faced the stern reality that, in a score years more, he would, compellingly, know he was old—hopelessly old—and that the curtain would soon—very soon—fall forever upon his little—should he call it Comedy or Tragedy?

The Boy had lost friends—many friends—the last lustrum of his life; for, when young, he made of his heart a shrine for men much older than himself; they had not outlived his freindship,—the Boy rejoiced in that. But for the future, he declared to himself, he would know the friendship of young men, with their fine enthusiasms and optimistic outlook upon life. Even as the soft sweet petals of a rose fall and make fragrant the air, so would these youthful friendships be to him unforgettably sweet as Time fled into the autumn of his days.

The Boy dreamed by the wood-fire's glow, that dark November day, as he harked back over his life,—happy boyhood,—useful manhood,—and, he prayed for the future,—ripe old age. The embers glowed, and the cheer within contrasted with the chill without . . . .

It was thirty-eight years to the day that the Boy had left the village of his childhood and removed to the city where he had won success by stern effort. Then came illness from overwork, and retirement from that world of activity which was all his life..

The day-dream spun its web unto the boyhood friends. "Tom" Elliott—"Ed" Elliott—"Jack" Elliott—"Charley" Sittig—where were they now? Did they, too, remember him, and love that memory hallowed by the years? The Boy recalled especially "Charley," gentlest of Hebrews, whose kindness and courtesy endeared him to the Gentile lads who. alas! were sometimes thoughtlessly cruel by inference at least to this representative of the oldest surviving race.

Yes! every one of these boys had been an ardent stamp collector away back in that November of '74, and "Charley's" collection was the best of all. It was "Charley" who was liberal with Triangular Capes (the Boy especially remembered his own copies of those beautiful stamps: "all blue ones, except one red"), and also any others he had in duplicate. There were the United States Departmental issues, too. It was "Charley" who passed them on with kindest hand, —interesting, advising, cautioning the tyro who looked to his mentor for helpful suggestion anent the "collection."

The first "book" was an old exercise book which the Boy's father had made for the lad. The first "album" was an abridged "Oppen," which the Boy's mother had bought for him, and in which he had stuck securely the hundred or two stamps which he termed his "collection". . . .

The Boy lifted a few treasured papers from the secret drawer in his battered desk (sweet companion of sad-glad days, the hands which formed it a century dust). The papers were printed on flimsy white and pink and blue and yellow paper,— *The St. Louis Philatelist.* It was the Centennial year—September, 1876—the first number was issued. The Boy had the number for November and December, 1877, and a few odd issues of its successor, *The California Philatelist.* The flood of memory swept over him again as he read the "motto,"—"We believe that honest, prompt, fair and upright dealing is the true basis of success and permanent prosperity." So was success won,—and the happy release and reward of Death. It was twenty years at least since the Boy had even thought of these old papers. How reverently he handled them, now! How he yearned with the old enthusiasms to possess numbers missing from his very incomplete file!

"The days that are no more."

How much they meant to the Man! The Boy saw dimly for a space; then the radiance of retrospection flooded his memory. The Boy was grown to Man once more. For him life had its charms, as of old; for had he not his memories? The words of another poet came back to him, echoing the sentiment of his soul:

"Such days are not the prey of setting suns,
Nor ever blurred with mist of afterthought;
Like words made magical by poets dead
Wherein the music of all meaning is

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THE NATIONAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY CONVENTION.

From the report published in the *New England Philatelist*, to whom we are indebted for the cartoon reprinted above, we judge that the convention of the National Philatelic Society held in Boston the last days in July was a marked success. The newly elected president of the society is E. L. Weiss of New York, the central figure shown in the illustration. The *New England Philatelist* was chosen as official organ.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE FABLE OF THE WISE GUY WHO TRIED TO PUT ONE OVER ON THE SIMPLE STAMP DEALERS.

Once Upon a Time a Boob Stamp Collector lived in a Large and Wicked City. This City was so Wicked that the Police Locked up the Sky Line Every Night, and took in All of the Lamp Posts at 9.00 P. M. As is the Custom with Many of the Denizens of Large Cities, at an Early Age, this Boob Caught His Germ of Honesty and Wrung Its Neck. Also, after a Few Years his Conscience became Paralyzed from Over-work. Like every other Specimen of the *Genus Simpus* this Human Weasel Doped Out that he was the Grand Sheik of the Wise Guys.

One Day this Mental Caesar got Hep to the fact that Somebody had Cleaned up a Wad of Coin by finding some old Postage Stamps. Being unable to Cop this person's Pile, he decided to Grab Off a Bunch of Easy Money the same way. Accordingly, he divided his attentions between such tricks as Putting Arsenic in Aunt Mary's Coffee and Shaving Half the Hair off of Rover's Youngest Child, and tore all the stamps off Grandmother's Love Letters. He traded Uncle Henry's New Teeth for an album and a set of Seebecks. The little *Bacillus Philatelicus* flew up and bit him in the ear. He became a Raving Stamp Fan. He Studied the Little Cusses, so that he soon learned to Tell the Age of a Stamp by Looking at its Teeth.

About this time, one of his Accomplices Hit Him in the Head with an Idea. Why pay Money for stamps when Dealers will send them on Approval for Nothing? Being a Wise Guy, he Caught the Drift on the First Snow Fall. By taking the Pennies out of Baby Charlie's Pig Bank, he was able to Buy enough post cards to make All the Dealers in the Country think that Money had Loosened up Again, and that Trade was All to the Meringue. He Wore Out four dozen Pens, and made the Poor Postal Clerks work Thirty-nine Hours Over-time to Keep his Mail Moving.

Soon the Bread he cast upon the Water came back nicely buttered and spread with elegant Quince Jam. He received selections from every dealer from Singapore to New York. Within a week he had such a Mess of Stamps his family had to sleep in Rover's House, to give them room.

Right here Young Solomon decided to evaporate, and so he Tacked Up the "Nobody Home" card and Faded Away. Just then One of the Suckers Threw the Hook, and Coaxed Uncle Samuel to start a Post Mortem into Mister Wise Guy's business methods. After much Scouting by the Sherlock Boys, Our Hero was located in What Cheer, Iowa, selling Shares in the Chicago City Hall to the poor Junipers.

He was duly Shoved in the Cooler while his Legal Shark fought a Catch-as-Catch-Can with the Government, and tried to Pick the Law into Shreds. He lost his Turrible Battle in about three under Bogey, after Trying to Kick In Fifty-Fifty with the Demon Prosecuting Attorney.

To Draw a Curtain over the sad Years that preceded his Bad News, after receiving Several Volleys of Verbal Grape-shot from His Honor, he had Fourteen Years of Captivity Wished on him, in the Hoon Gow, Making Little Ones out of Big Ones.

Moral:—If you Can't Do it Without Being Caught, Don't do it.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. G.—I know of no errors in the current U. S. stamps, and as the process of manufacture is watched so closely, I do not believe any errors of colors could slip through without detection. From the fact that your *black* one cent stamp appears to be brown on the back, I would say that this stamp has been changed by some chemical or other means after leaving the post office. Certain chemicals, often in everyday use, have the power to change inks from one color to another distinct color. I have seen green stamps changed to deep blue, and other changes equally remarkable.

B. W.—The words "De Puesto" or "De Pesto" on your Cuban stamp signifies that it is a revenue stamp. Just what kind of revenue, I cannot say.

A. B. P.—Most societies and parliamentary bodies are regulated according to "Roberts' Rules of Order." This book can be purchased from almost any large book store for a small sum. Most societies have a constitution out-lining the governing of committees and making of amendments. The above named book will help you in drawing up such constitution and amendments.

H. R. L.—Yes, the cancellation of a red star, probably with a rubber stamp, is a genuine cancellation on the Postal Telegraph stamps of 1885.

STARTING A PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The writer has received so many requests for information on this subject that he deems it advisable to take it up in detail. Readers in all parts of the country have asked us to help them start such a society, or get in touch with each other. As the beginning of a society of this nature would mean, if carried out to a national organization, a man's size job, without profit, and as this paper has at the present time, no one who is in position to devote the time and money necessary to make such a movement a success, we feel that it will be better to lay out a plan for the collectors to organize local societies, and later get together through their own means, if they see fit. However, local societies will bring good results to the members, as they offer social and exchange advantages which would be hard to secure in a national society. Also, there are a number of very good national societies now in this country that collectors can join for a little money, if they are so inclined. The editor of this column will be pleased to furnish information and application blanks for any of these societies.

In organizing a local stamp society, it is advisable to get at least five members to start. In the writer's experience the fewer rules and regulations, and parliamentary practices, the better for all concerned, especially where the members are beginners, or are young people. Therefore, this subject will be left to those forming the society to decide for themselves. The same remarks apply to the question of dues. Charge just as little for membership as possible. The smaller drain there is on the pocketbook, the larger enthusiasm there will be in the hearts of the members. The writer knows of a certain stamp society that is so burdened by parliamentary law and, accordingly, debates and arguments, that the society can transact little stamp business, and has lost many members because of this. Govern your society according to Roberts' Rules of Order, which can be obtained at any library or large book-store.

For officers, a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sales Manager are necessary. If the membership is large enough to permit it, a Vice-President and Librarian may be added. With the exception of the Sales Manager, and Librarian it is unnecessary to dwell on the duties of these officers. The Sales Manager should have charge of all sales and exchange accounts between members. In the large societies, the members mount their stamps for sale in approval books (which can be secured from any dealer; for convenience, and uniformity, they should be purchased through the Sales Manager). The Sales Manager keeps a record of these books, and circulates them among the members. He collects all money for sales, and settles all questions of losses, etc., pertaining to the books. Usually a commission of ten per cent is charged by the Sales Manager, for his labor and expenses, as this work requires no little time and responsibility. Also, two per cent of the sales should be set aside by the society as an insurance fund, to pay for any books lost in transit, or otherwise. Of course, the members are responsible for books in their possession; but this should not relieve them or responsibility. As the books are returned, the Sales Manager should put a check-mark or rubber stamp mark in the spaces where stamps have been removed. Also, members should write their names in spaces when they remove a stamp. This greatly aids in checking up accounts.

After a book is nearly empty, or has been sufficiently circulated, it should be returned to the owner, with the money due. The Sales Manager can no doubt devise his own system of keeping accounts. If not, the writer will give him assistance in a private reply.

The Librarian should take charge of all books and papers received by the Society, and should file them in systematic order, for reference. One of the benefits of a local society is that the members can easily gather and use a library of philatelic literature, of which a great quantity can be accumulated in a little time, and can thus learn much about their hobby. The Librarian should encourage the members in the use of the books, and the society should subscribe to certain of the best papers published on stamp matters, not overlooking the WEEKLY of course. Many of the readers of this paper, from time to time, have quantities of literature that they would gladly donate to some "young" society, for the cost of transportation.

A committee should be appointed to arrange some form of stamp amusement for every meeting. Contests, guessing and otherwise, are very popular. Also, papers written by the members on stamp matters, can be read; current matters of interest can be openly discussed; the members can exhibit their stamps and talk about same, telling the queer and unusual facts that happen to every collector in his work, and various other ways can be devised to make the meetings a source of enjoyment to all concerned. Also, various social affairs can be participated in by the members. The WEEKLY will be glad to hear from any of the societies who have devised unique programs, and will publish some of this matter for the benefit of others.

By recruiting work, the societies can induce many "out-siders" to become interested in collecting. Spread the hobby among your friends. It is one of the cleanest, most interesting hobbies ever devised.

Another feature of belonging to a society is, that the members can "chip in" and buy stamps at wholesale, or large packets that they could not afford to purchase otherwise. Thus, the collections will gain.

Organizing a stamp club does not differ much from organizing any other kind of club, and probably every one, has done something in this line at some time. The main point to remember is: Don't have more Club than you do Stamps. Put the stamp part first, then accept the necessary rules, dues, officers, etc., as an evil that cannot be abolished and so must be put up with. Think of the stamps first, and work on the program for the meeting, rather than get up a political fight to see who can talk the longest and say nothing. This latter custom prevails in many so-called philatelic societies, and does nothing to further the hobby or the society. Make your programs interesting, keep up your enthusiasm, keep up good-fellowship among your members, and your society should be a big success.

The writer will be pleased to help anyone interested in this subject further. We cannot, however, submit names of other subscribers, for various reasons, chiefly because our lists are not in shape for this work. If we can offer any suggestions as to organization, system, programs, or other matters of like nature, please do not hesitate to call on this paper. Also, we will publish the name and address of anyone interested in starting a local society.

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By D. B. ARMSTRONG.

By treaties concluded with the native chiefs by Mr. E. H. Hewett, C.M.G. in 1884, the whole of the maritime region situated between Lagos and the Rio del Rey in Western Africa, with the exception of the Royal Niger Company's settlements lying between the Forcados and Brass Rivers, was placed under Imperial jurisdiction under the title of the "Oil Rivers Protectorate," the announcement of the Protectorate appearing in the *London Gazette* of June 5th, 1885.

An amendment to this proclamation published on October 18th, 1887, defined the extent and boundaries of the British Nigerian territories as follows:—

"The British Protectorate of the Niger Districts comprises the territories on the line of the coast between the British Protectorate of Lagos, and the right or western bank of the Dio del Rey. It further comprises all territories in the basin of the Niger, and its affluents, which are, or may be for the time being, subject to the Government of the National African Company, Limited, (now called the Royal Niger Company) in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the said Company, dated July 10th, 1886."

Under the terms of an African Order in Council of 1889, the Oil Rivers Protectorate was created a local jurisdiction administered by the British Consular representatives, and eventually, in 1891, was placed under the direction of an Imperial Commissioner and Consul General appointed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The Protectorate extended in all over some 3,000 to 4,000 square miles, the principal trading stations or "factories" being: Old Calabar (the administrative headquarters), then a town of 15,000 inhabitants, at the mouth of the Old Calabar River; Brass, on the Brass River; Bonny, on the banks of the Bonny River, near its mouth; Opobo, 40 miles from Bonny in the Niger Delta, on the Opobo River; Benin City, the capital of the district of that name, situated about 60 miles from the mouth of the Benin River, another tributary of the Niger; New Calabar, in the extreme East of the Niger Delta; and Wari, a small station on the Wari Creek, a branch of the Forcados River.

For some years after the establishment of the Protectorate there was an entire absence of anything in the nature of a regular postal service. Letters for Great Britain, charged for at the rate of 6d per half-ounce, were put on board the vessels of the African Line touching monthly at Bonny and Old Calabar, to be dealt with on arrival at Liverpool, where the necessary stamps were affixed and the letters forwarded to their destinations.

The Protectorate Post Office was finally organized in November, 1891, under the new administration, and the Oil Rivers entered the Postal Union, the postal rate being reduced to 2½d per half-ounce. The head post office was established at Old Calabar, with sub-post offices at Brass, Bonny, Opobo, Benin and Wari. In 1900, at the time of the re-organization of the Niger territories, the number of post offices had risen to 18, comprising the chief office at Old Calabar, 11 district offices and six postal agencies.

For a period of eight months following the establishment of the Protectorate Post Office, ordinary unsurcharged English postage stamps of the series 1881-87 were employed by the seven post offices in the Niger Coast Protectorate, those so employed being recognisable only by means of their postmarks, that of "Old Calabar" being the most common.

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1893, 2½p ultramarine	52	.12
Virgin Islands 1883, ½p green....	13	.07
1883, 2½p ultra	15	.30
1889, 7p slate green	26	.30
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1892. July. Six denominations of contemporary British postage stamps series (1881-87) overprinted "British Protectorate-Oil Rivers" in three lines of small sans serif capitals in black from electrotype plates. Typographed, printed and overprinted by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. in London. Wmk. Imperial Crown. Perf. 14. Numbers printed appended in brackets.

½d vermilion	(50,000)
Control letters K. L. M.'	
1d lilac	(50,000)
Control letters N. O. P (?). Q.	
2d green and carmine	(42,000)
2½d purple on blue	(72,000)
5d dull purple and blue	(36,000)
1s green	(10,000)

Error: Overprint transposed.
1d lilac (8)

On the appearance of the first permanent issue of the Niger Coast Protectorate in the following year, this series was retired from circulation, the remainders being sold to a well-known London stamp dealer, by whom a large number were returned to the Protectorate to be postmarked in complete sheets. The cancelling appears to have been done on sheets of pink blotting paper, as particles of it are found adhering to these "cancelled to order" stamps.

Counterfeits of these stamps are in existence having the overprint painted or drawn in by hand, and collectors should be on their guard against them.

To meet a temporary shortage of halfpenny stamps pending the receipt of a fresh consignment from England in the permanent type, a supply of the one penny value was overprinted diagonally with a long narrow bar dividing the stamp in halves, with the figures "½d" printed on each side of the division, the bi-sected halves of which were permitted to be used provisionally as halfpenny stamps from September 3rd, 1893. The stamps were overprinted in half sheets of 120 (ten rows of 12), the surcharge being applied to one horizontal row at a time from a small printer's outfit. *Violet* ink was at first employed, but as this did not show up well on the stamps it was abandoned, after the first row had been printed, in favour of *vermilion,* in which colour the remaining 468 stamps comprising the four sheets issued were overprinted.

1893. September 3rd. Provisional issue. One value. Overprinted stamp of 1892 additionally surcharged "½d./½d." diagonally in violet or vermilion, locally in the Protectorate, for temporary use as halfpenny stamps.

Violet Overprint. ½n on half of 1d lilac.
Vermilion Overprint. ½d on half of 1d lilac.
Variety. Unsevered. ½d/½d on 1d lilac.
Error—Surcharge Inverted. ½d/½d on 1d lilac.

Towards the end of December in the same year it again became necessary to have recourse to surcharging, in order to meet the current demand for stamps of the ½d denomination, and the available supply of 1d stamps having been exhausted by the issue of the previous ½d provisional, the 2d and 2½d values were accordingly pressed into the service, and surcharged with the words "HALF PENNY" in two lines in a variety of types, for provisional use at that denomination. Five pounds' worth of these halfpenny provisionals were created in all, the surcharges being handstamped by natives on 20 sheets comprising 120 stamps each, by means of dies set up from a box of assorted moveable metal types. Trial impressions of the various handstamps were taken in the first instance on two sheets of the 2½d value, which, however, were issued to the post offices in the ordinary course of business. The surcharge was impressed on these stamps in a variety of coloured inks, and in each of the four types, which consequently figure side by side on the same sheet in the most haphazard manner.

Finally it was decided to overprint four sheets of 120 of the 2½d with the tall sans-serif type of handstamp in carmine, vermilion, green and dark blue, respectively; the pale blue and black inks being employed only on the trial sheets. A similar number of sheets were overprinted in "italic" type, two in green and two in vermilion; the trial colours being carmine, blue and violet. Three sheets were overprinted in ornamental sans-serif capitals, one each in green, vermilion and blue respectively—violet being the trial colour in this type—and lastly a single sheet was overprinted in green italic capitals, of which a trial sheet was also issued printed in vermilion.

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1887-90	North Borneo, ½c to 10c, 9 var.	.35
1909	1c to 24c, 12 var.	.75
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The violet ink originally tried for the 2½d, but discarded owing to its resemblance to the original colour of the stamp, was utilized for overprinting the 2d green and carmine.

Although the credentials of this provisional issue have been frequently called into question, there can be little doubt but that their creation was necessitated by circumstances over which the local authorities had little or no control, the numerous varieties being due to an economical desire to use up the whole of the overprinted stamps. The issue must therefore be regarded as an entirely legitimate one, which was duly authorized and issued by the postal authorities of the Protectorate, by whom no account was taken of the various colours and types of the overprint.

1893. December 27th. Provisional issue. One value. Overprinted stamps of preceding issue (1892) additionally surcharged "Half Penny" of various coloured types, applied locally by means of metal handstamps to half sheets of 120. Numbers printed of each variety appended in brackets (on authority of "Africa," Part III.).

(1) HALF PENNY in tall thin sans-serif capitals.

Halfpenny violet on 2d green & carmine (120)
Halfpenny green on 2½d purple on blue (120)
Halfpenny vermilion on 2½d purple on blue (360)
Halfpenny carmine on 2½d purple on blue (120)
Halfpenny blue on 2½d purple on blue (120)
Halfpenny black on 2½d purple on blue (19)
Halfpenny light blue on 2½d purple on blue (23)

Error: Surcharge Inverted.
Halfpenny vermilion on 2½d purple on blue.

(2) HALF PENNY in italic capitals and lower case.

Halfpenny violet on 2d green & carmine (120)
Halfpenny green on 2½d purple on blue (240)
Halfpenny vermilion on 2½d purple on blue (360)
Halfpenny carmine on 2½d purple on blue (2)
Halfpenny blue on 2½d purple on blue (4)
Halfpenny violet on 2½d purple on blue (9)

Error: Surcharge Inverted.
Halfpenny violet on 2d green and carmine.

(3) HALF PENNY in ornamental sans-serif capitals, with stop.

Halfpenny violet on 2d green & carmine (120)
Halfpenny blue on 2d green & carmine (60)
Halfpenny green on 2½d purple on blue (120)
Halfpenny vermilion on 2½d purple on blue (60)
Halfpenny blue on 2½d purple on blue (120)
Halfpenny violet on 2½d purple on blue (22)

(4) HALF PENNY in italic capitals.

Halfpenny green on 2½d purple on blue (120)
Halfpenny vermilion on 2½d purple on blue (6)

Mr. C. J. Daun, the foremost specialist in these issues, writing in Part III. of the Royal Philatelic Society's work on "Africa" states that the figures given above are approximate only, the total amounting to 2,245, as against 2,400 said to have been printed.

Some high value provisionals issued about the same time provide one of the few examples known to collectors, of the dangerous experiment of raising the face value of a stamp through the medium of an easily duplicated surcharge.

They comprise the 2d, 5d and 1s stamps of 1892 overprinted One Shilling, 5sh and 10sh by means of handstamps, in a similar manner to the Halfpenny provisionals already listed: of the one shilling a trial sheet overprinted in violet, black and vermilion, and one each entirely in violet and vermilion. Several stamps on the trial sheet had the overprint applied sideways or inverted.

1893. December. Provisional issue. Four values of the preceding overprinted issue (1892) additionally surcharged with new values in various colours locally, by means of metal handstamps. Numbers printed appended in brackets (on authority of "Africa," Part III.).

One shilling violet on 2d green and carmine (176)
One shilling vermilion on 2d green and carmine (176)
One shilling black on 2d green & carmine (8)
5sh violet on 2d green and carmine (28)
10sh vermilion on 5d deep purple and blue (32)
20sh violet on 1s green (5)
20sh vermilion on 1s green (2)
20sh black on 1s green (1)

Errors: Surcharge Inverted.
5sh violet on 2d green and carmine.
10sh vermilion on 5d deep purple and blue.

Error: Surcharge Sideways.
One shilling black on 2d green and carmine.

Prior to the departure of the High Commissioner from Great Britain, arrangements had been made for providing the Protectorate with a permanent postage stamp series of distinctive design, an order for which had been placed with the well-known stamp printing firm of Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., of London Wall, by whom the dies were engraved and the plates for printing the stamps prepared early in 1893. The designs, which are amongst the handsomest that have been perpetuated upon British Colonial stamps, comprised an excellent three-quarter-face contemporary portrait of Queen Victoria enclosed in a different frame for each of the six values, which coincided with those of the overprinted series of the previous year. They were printed from plates engraved in *taille-douce* in Messrs. Waterlow's most approved style.

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THE OUTLOOK.

On our return home we find much to please us in the way business has held up during our absence. Advertising has run stronger than a year ago, while new subscriptions have more than made good the discontinuances. We are now out after business for the coming season and from both advertising and subscription standpoints propose to make the greatest hustle that we have ever made. We shall no doubt indicate the way in which valuable assistance can be rendered by those who have in the past shown their great interest in the WEEKLY.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

In War-Time—We have seen a registered letter originating in Tyringe, Sweden, and addressed to Chicago, which bore the rubber stamp inscription: "Militarischerseite unter Kriegsrecht geoffnet Hamburg, . . . 1914. (Initials) Ueberwachungs-offizier." Moreover, the opened envelope was sealed with the familiar blue label: "Kaiserliches Postamt, Hamburg I." This registered letter which duly reached its destination was sent by way of Hamburg and was opened there under military authority. In all likelihood it will not be long before there will be war letters in great variety awaiting recognition.

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Still Coming—From Mexico the latest novelty in stamps is the surcharge, "E. C. de M," violet, on the regular five centavos, in fancy initials, impression evidently rubber-stamped. The surcharge stands for "Ejercito Constitutionalista de Mexico," we are told. In this connection, a correspondent in whose judgment we place reliance says that from his intimate view of the situation, there is an absence of any design of speculative advantage in the issue of the recent novelties from Mexico and that they are deserving of a place in the regard of the careful collector.

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To Vera Cruz—A departmental order dated at Washington, August 26th, on the subject of mail for united forces at Vera Cruz, says that the weekly "naval tug service from Galveston to Vera Cruz, hitherto in operation has been discontinued." Communication will be maintained by an army transport which will continue to sail from Galveston to Vera Cruz on the first and fifteenth of each month; and there is in addition a steamer that sails from New York for Vera Cruz every Thursday. Mail for the forces and officials at Vera Cruz should be sent by the route that is most expeditious. We may observe here that a postal marking new to us among the variety of Vera Cruz postmarks that we have seen is: "Vera Cruz, Mexico, Mail Agency," in two lines, enclosed in a rectangle.

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They See It—Philatelists are following the war movements closely and they learn of events that may have bearing on the change of the philatelic geography long before they could be reported in our paper. We shall refrain from repeating this intelligence based on newspaper accounts but shall speak only of those changes that will have an influence on philately that are confirmed. At any rate we cannot compete with the daily newspapers on the score of timeliness and the newspapers may be depended upon to furnish all particulars of war developments.

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Impish Humor—Mr. W. F. Palmer, East Haddam, Conn., writes: "Please find enclosed a freak cancellation. This is a hot weather one. Isn't it 'devilish?' It is one of my earliest specimens taken from my first album, an old writing book." We assure ourselves that nothing personal was intended by Mr. Palmer's enclosure which was in the shape of a cancellation on a three-cent, 1861, United States, that represented "Old Nick" in his well-known habiliments of spiked tail, horns and cloven hoofs, not forgetting the pitchfork, doing a spirited step. No doubt an authority on the subject would say that the likeness is an excellent one. The postmark that accompanied the cancellation reads: "West Meriden, Apr. 16, Conn." We can imagine the devilish glee with which the humorous postmaster regarded his triumph as he impressed it on the stamps.

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Massachusetts Revenue Stamps—Over a month ago, Mr. William C. Stone, Springfield, Mass., told us that chapter 770 of the acts of the Massachusetts legislature provides for a stock transfer tax of two cents a hundred dollars payable by state revenue stamps. No doubt the text of this chapter of the legislature proceedings will soon be available and will interest collectors of revenue stamps in particular. In this connection, it is to be said that inquiries concerning foreign revenue stamps are received almost constantly and as it has been some years since the appearance of the last edition of the "Catalogue Fiscal, A. Forbin," France, the standard work on the revenue stamps of the world, there is no convenient record of the later issues at hand. However, a new edition of this catalogue is in preparation and through the courtesy of Mr. Vahan Mozian, we have received the advance sheets of the United States (Etats-Unis) portion of the new compilation. Those who are acquainted with the advantages of this illustrated list of our fiscal issues will welcome this announcement; and others may know that the catalogue is certainly worth while. In all probability the war will retard the issue of the work but when it makes its appearance, there will be due announcement made.

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Circulated Widely—Some time ago, we received from a Berkeley, California, reader, a picture postal card showing a view of the "petrified forest" five miles from Calistoga, California, with the largest petrified tree in the world in the foreground. On the address side of the card is the message: "This is evidence that the WEEKLY is widely read! I found the copy of which this is the heading yesterday in the 'petrified forest.'" The paper bears the date of June 27th, 1914, and is visible evidence that even in the wonderful petrified forest the WEEKLY shared the attention of one reader. Now the question is: Who was that reader? We would give a stamp for his collection to know.

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No Positive Information—The following inquiry is typical of a number that have been received since the war began: "Would it not be well to print in your paper the list of countries that are at war to which letters can be got if the boat is flying the U. S. flag. I exchange stamps with collectors in the affected countries." This question is answered by the postal authorities to the effect that at present the mail facilities to the countries involved are crippled and that registered letters addressed to them are returned in many instances. The department is doing everything it can to maintain an orderly service but it is admitted that many developments conspire to demoralize the ordinary transit of mails. A conservative course on the part of correspondents would be to leave stamp transactions with philatelists in the war zone in abeyance.

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The "Davis Case"—We have referred to one "Davis" of San Francisco, recently, as having given fictitious addresses of "references" in applying for approval sheets. The Queen City Stamp and Coin Company, Cincinnati, who has had unsatisfactory dealings with this person has put its complaint in the hands of the postal inspector at San Francisco; and it is urged that those who have had experiences with "Davis" send all available information to the same officer.

A STEAMSHIP ACQUAINTANCE.

It was the privilege of the managing editor to meet Fred W. Blanchard of Los Angeles on the way home, from Christiania. Mr. Blanchard secured in company with the writer steerage accommodations on the S. S. "United States," which were subsequently amended by first cabin accommodations so far as the table was concerned.

Companions in misery as we were, we nevertheless obtained a great deal of comfort in the thought that we were headed in the right direction. Mr. Blanchard was well aware that the writer was visiting in Europe but not until the second day out at sea was it our privilege to meet. It is needless to say that our acquaintanceship ripened into friendship and our trip across the Atlantic was rich in philatelic conversation.

Mr. Blanchard is very active in Los Angeles stamp circles, where he is an officer of the local stamp society. He is president of the American Opera Association and secretary of the Los Angeles Municipal Art Commission.

Mr. Blanchard was accompanied by his wife and sister and the writer enjoyed very much making their acquaintance.

Gt. Britain No. 1112, 24p on 5sh Edw...	1.87
No. 1167, 5p on 1sh Edward	.37
Barbados No. 108, 1f Mult. CA	.14
No. 199, 2d Mult. CA	.33
Bechuanaland No. 82, 1sh scarlet & gr'n	.30
Br. Guiana No. 157, 6c blk. & ult. CA..	.60
No. 162, 5c on blue CAC	.33
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Bermuda No. 15, ½d brown	.14
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No. 34, 2½d blue & brown	.18
No. 39, 4d brown & blue	.16
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Chile '92, 15c, 25c, 1p..... " .23
Guatemala '02, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10c..... " .13
Toppan's great book on U. S. Stamps.
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Japan 1908, 5 yen green. " .35
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***Costa Rica** '89, 1c to 1p..... " .27
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205 all different foreign stamps.
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***Salvador** '97, 1c, 5c four colors..... " .18
* " '93, 2p, 5p..... " .24
Nice Stamp Album holds 546 stamps.
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NO VALUABLE STAMPS GO TO WASTE IN NEW YORK.

By L. A. BEEBE.

For many years I have contended that no stamps of any interest or value to a stamp collector ever went to waste in New York. Doubtless the same is true of other cities.

The nearest approach to the loss of good stamps of which I have heard was the recent case of a large office in New York having extensive correspondence with South American countries and also receiving a considerable number of packages from there. An Italian entered the store of a Nassau Street dealer recently and asked if he bought stamps. Upon receiving an affirmative he took off his cap and dumped a mass of stamps on the counter. The dealer glanced at them and asked how much he wanted for the lot. The Italian put his price at 50 cents, was paid, and went his way.

The dealer had noticed a number of copies of Chile, No. 94, catalogued at 60 cents each, and after carefully examining the stamps he discovered an "invert" of this stamp. The stamp was printed in two colors with a black centre. At least one sheet had become reversed in printing the second time, with the result that the centre was upside down. The dealer was at once on the alert and cabled to Chile to learn if any more of the valuable inverts were to be had.

The joke of the matter was that it was discovered later there were two offices receiving the same sort of foreign mail on the same floor, addressed to different departments of the same firm, the offices adjoining, and while the manager of one office was being pestered for the stamps, (as he expressed it, he found a delegation waiting for him whenever a foreign mail arrived,) the manager of the adjoining office was tossing similar stamps in the waste-basket, and did, in fact, thus throw away one of the valuable inverts. I am informed that one invert sold for $60.

My original assertion was that no valuable stamps went to waste, and while in this case the stamps did go to the waste-basket, they did not eventually go to waste, thanks to the porter or rag-picker who turned them into money.

For several years I have been engaged in my spare moments in building up a stamp collection without the investment of the money necessary if one buys at retail from the dealer, and have succeeded pretty well without bothering my friends too much. There are several sources of wholesale supplies, some of which I have helped people develop to our mutual advantage, and from whom I purchase lots from time to time. In some instances they are received by men who themselves have become interested from seeing and handling the stamps and have built up collections for themselves. In that case they are glad to turn over to me their duplicates received in considerable quantity at a discount in exchange for single stamps which they can add directly to their collections.

In other cases the stamps are sold and made a source of revenue either to the firm or to the individual selling them, according to circumstances. One large importing firm in New York supports a bed in a local hospital through selling the stamps received on foreign mail, going to the extent of having their branch offices throughout the world return the canceled stamps to the New York headquarters for sale.

Go into any office having a considerable amount of foreign business and say "stamps" and you will find at once that they are well looked after. This in spite of the fact that there are still persons who believe that valuable stamps are thrown away and persist in writing to business houses likely to receive such stamps on their mail, such as the Consul of Liberia at New York, who receives several such appeals every week, and doubtless many of the other Consuls have troubles of this kind. Some are good natured, and if a stamp is enclosed for reply will send a few stamps, but as the stamps have a value and can be marketed, this sort of begging is, in my opinion, no better than asking for the money for which the stamps may be sold.—*N. Y. Times.*

STAMPS USED ABROAD.

The latest edition of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue of the stamps of the British Empire includes an extensive list of "British Stamps Used Abroad." We fancy that this list will be much discussed and criticized—in fact, so far as we have heard opinions about the new catalogue, they seem to be mainly devoted to this feature. The list covers twenty-five closely printed pages of the catalogue. It appears to have been compiled by some one who is thoroughly familiar with the subject, and we assume it may be safely regarded as a model of accuracy and completeness. We think that there can be little criticism of the list itself. There can be no question that for some specialists of the stamps of Great Britain, and for a limited number of collectors who are interested in what might be termed abnormal cancellations it will be of much interest. Neither can it be gainsaid that this is the proper catalogue for this particular list, always provided that any such lists are to be included in catalogues devoted to postage stamps.

Here we come to the crux of the matter. Are lists of *cancellations* proper in catalogues of *stamps*, are they desired by the majority of collectors, and where will such listing end if followed to its logical and proper conclusions? It cannot be denied that in this side line of collecting the thing sought is the cancellation rather than the stamp. In Kohl's catalogue many lists of German Colonials begin with stamps of Germany cancelled in the colony before the appearance of the colonial issues. Will this extend to other nationalities? And will the catalogue that aims to be universal, not British or German or Spanish, but a catalogue of and for the whole world, be expected to include all that the others list? The present lists are only the beginning of what might be. Specialists collect the stamps of Austria cancelled in Lombard-Venice, stamps of the old German States cancelled in other states, likewise the old Italians. We can add United States stamps cancelled in China, where we have consular offices: in Cuba, Philippines, etc. Then there are our present stamps cancelled in Vera Cruz, the stamps used by invading armies, ship cancellations and many similar things. When once we begin this thing we cannot foresee the end.

For many years there has been talk about the ever-increasing size of the catalogues. The cry has been that we must cut down the lists of perforations, that official and postage due stamps would be omitted some day to save space as envelopes and postal cards have already been cast out. In the face of all this are we to burden our catalogues with lists of things the general collector does not want and which frighten the beginner with their relatively high prices and evident difficulty of attainment? We have always had the most friendly feeling for specialists, for we appreciate the merit of study and its benefit to philately, but we feel that their work is more properly placed in handbooks and the pages of philatelic magazines. Those who are interested can readily find it there, and those who do not want it will not be disturbed by having it thrust upon them in their catalogues.—*Scott Circular.*

Advertising Chat—No. 2.

You have only to look through this number to find evidences that the stamp season has opened in earnest. Old advertisers are resuming activity and several new ones will be seen.

J. A. Galbraith after spending some months abroad is with us again, and "white-backs" are very much in evidence. There is no question but that these stamps will prove "desirables" in coming months.

M. Ohlman resumes his regular advertising and will be found upon page 3. It is his intention to run a series of auctions this winter and his opening advertisement in this number reflects his activity in that direction.

A number of advertisers have special plans for the coming months which will mean real business if indications hold good. Our next special number will be issued September 26, and we intend to make it a bright and breezy number. Adv. copy must be in September 19.

Our quarter pages are as popular as ever, 144 lines for $15. A bargain in stamp advertising if there ever was one. B. L. Drew & Co. has taken many during the past year and uses one this week.

W. C. Phillips & Co. is again in our columns, having signed a contract for 4000 lines.

We welcome the Albemarle Stamp Co. of Keswick, Va., to our columns. This firm will make a specialty of approvals and will be found regularly in our columns. Bill Bloss, well-known as the purveyor of good ideas on page 8, has shied his advertising castor into the ring as indicated last week.

More next time.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

Russian Jubilee 1913

1k.....	No. 88	.01
2k.....	89	.01
3k.....	90	.01
4k.....	91	.03
7k.....	92	.01
10k.....	93	.01
14k.....	94	.03
15k.....	95	.05
20k.....	96	.04
25k.....	97	.06
35k.....	98	.08
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UNITED STATES.—Press dispatches from Washington have the following:

"As its contribution to the celebration this year of the centenary of peace between Great Britain and the United States, the Post Office Department is preparing to issue two special stamps.

"The stamps of two and five cents denominations will be distributed early in the Fall. The words 'Peace, 1814-1914,' will be on each. The two cents stamp will have on it a hemisphere with the figure of a woman on the left holding an American flag and on the right a figure bearing a British flag, the two clasping hands across the hemisphere.

"On the five cents stamp will be a winged figure typifying the spirit of peace, and with a dove of peace flying before it."

CANADA.—It may be well to say just as a matter of record that Canada will not issue any commemorative stamps in connection with the Cartier celebration.

EPIRUS.—Another value has been added to the "Epire Antonome" series.

Adhesive.

5d dark blue.

HONDURAS.—Dr. Roy F. DeSart reports the 50c rose of 1913 surcharged with new value.

Provisional Adhesive.

"10 cent" on 50c rose.

LIBERIA.—*Maury's Collectionneur* reports that a new series of stamps is shortly to be issued. There will be 10 values, the stamps being in oblong form, each value being of a different design. The denominations will be 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c and 45c.

LOURENZO MARQUES.—This Colony has been supplied with a full series of stamps in the Ceres type the values and colors being the same as for other colonies.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The International Stamp Co., Covington, O., has acquired the stamp collection of the late Charles Printzlau, consisting of nearly twenty-five thousand stamps. Mr. Printzlau will be remembered by most of the dealers who used the WEEKLY in bygone years.

—Several months ago, we announced that M. D. Olmstead, Concord, New Hampshire, had sustained a fracture of his hip bone; and it now gives us pleasure to say that Mr. Olmstead has almost recovered from the effects of the very serious injury and is ready to serve his correspondents as formerly.

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OIL RIVER AND NIGER COAST PROT.

(Continued from page 311.)

tectorate" incorporated, and in order to avoid the delay attendant upon the engraving of new dies it was decided to line out the words "Oil Rivers" on the existing dies, and add the words "Niger Coast" in bold capitals across the top of the designs. This was accordingly done, the old title being lightly cancelled with a graver on each die, which was then re-engraved with the words "Niger Coast," the stamps printed from these plates constituting a provisional issue pending the manufacture of new plates, with the altered style of the Protectorate incorporated in the design.

I am informed by Mr. H. H. Harland that he has seen proofs of the full set of six values printed from the original plates inscribed "Oil Rivers Protectorate."

The stamps were printed from line-engraved steel plates upon white wove paper (unwatermarked) that has the appearance of being hand-made, and varies in texture from heavy opaque to almost pelure. The 1s value is however also known on thick paper. Perforation was effected by the regular single-line machines of various gauges employed by Waterlow & Sons, and the sheets were composed of 60 stamps each in six rows of ten in the case of the ½d, 1d and 2d stamps, 48 (6x8) for the 2½d, and 30 (five rows of six) for the 5d and 1s. A consecutive number in red was printed in the right-hand corner on the margin of the sheets.

There were in all three printings of this series, the first despatched on June 2nd, 1893, being distinguished by the darker shades of the stamps (excepting the 5d), and the two others early in 1894, the following being the numbers of the separate consignments.

	2/6/93	9/1/94	12/3/94
½d	9,000	8,000	20,000
1d	11,000	10,000	18,400
2d	6,000	5,000	5,000
2½d	16,000	15,000	15,000
5d	9,000	8,000	8,000
1sh	6,000	5,000	5,000

1893. November (?). Provisional issue. Six values. Distinctive designs as above. Head of Queen Victoria in different frame for each denomination. Engraved in taille-douce and printed from steel plates by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., in London, on white wove paper of varying thickness. No watermark. Various perforations gauging from 12½ to 15, and compounds. Numbers printed, appended in brackets.

½d brick red, vermilion, orange-milion (37,000)
1d dark blue, pale blue, dull blue (39,400)
2d dark green, bright green, yellow-green (16,000)
2½d dark carmine-lake, bright carmine-lake (46,000)
5d lilac, grey-lilac, dark lilac (25,000)
1s black, grey-black (16,000)

Variety: Toned Paper.

1s black.

Perforations.

Six separate guillotine machines were employed in perforating these stamps gauging 12, 12½, 13, 14, 14½ and 15 respectively, of which the plain 12 is by far the rarest. We are indebted to an article by Mr. Morley published in the *London Philatelist* some years ago for the subjoined table of the perforations of the Niger Coast issue of 1893.

Perf. 15. ½d, 2d, 2½d, 5d, and 1sh.
Perf. 14½. 1d, 2½d, 5d, and 1sh.
Perf. 14½x15. ½d, 1d, 2½d, and 1sh.
Perf. 14. ½d, 2d, 2½d, 5d, and 1sh.
Perf. 12½. 2½d.
Perf. 12½x14. 1d, 2d, 2½d, and 1sh.
Perf. 12½x13x14. 1d.
Perf. 12. 2d.
Perf. 12x12½. 2d.
Perf. 12 on one side and 14 other three sides. 1sh.
Perf. 12x15. 2d.

On March 22nd, 1894, the first consignment of a few new series of similar design, but with the words "Niger Coast Protectorate" engraved on the dies, was despatched from London, the stamps being issued at Old Calabar in May. The denominations were the same as those of the previous issues, but a slight revision of the colour scheme was effected, the ½d, 1d and 2½d values being printed in colours conforming to the requirements of the Universal Postal Union. There were seven printings of the Halfpenny value, six of the Penny, five of the Two Pence, and three each of the 2½d, 5d and 1s. The figures of the first printing were as follows:—

½d	8,736	2½d	16,736
1d	10,736	5d	8,736
2d	5,736	1sh	5,736

The odd 736 copies in each instance were apparently for distribution as "Specimens" amongst the Postal Departments of countries adhering to the Postal Union.

The stamps were printed from line-engraved steel plates, as before, in sheets of 60, six rows of 10, for the ½d, 1d and 2d; 48, six rows of 8, for the 2½d and 5d, and 30, five rows of 6, for the 1s.

1894. May. Permanent issue. Six values. Designs as above. Head of Queen Victoria in different frame for each value. Engraved in taille-douce and printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, in London, on white to greyish wove unwatermarked paper, of varying thickness. Various perforations gauging from 12 to 15. Numbers printed appended in brackets (on authority of "Africa," Part III.).

½d green, pale green (172,736)
1d orange-vermilion, vermilion, carmine (116,736)
2d lake, pale lake, deep lake (113,736)
2½d blue, deep blue, pale blue, dark blue (111,736)
5d purple, deep violet, bright purple (80,736)
1s black (41,736)

Perforations.

Perf. 14. ½d, 1d, 2d and 1sh.
Perf. 15. ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 5d and 1sh.
Perf. 14½. ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 5d, and 1sh.
Perf. 14½x15. ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 5d and 1sh.
Perf. 14x15. ½d.
Perf. 13x14. ½d and 1sh.
Perf. 12x14. ½d, 1d and 1sh.
Perf. 12½x14. ½d and 1d.
Perf. 14 at bottom, and 12½ on three other sides. ½d.

In May, 1894 (presumably prior to the receipt of the new series listed above), the post office at Opobo ran short of its stock of halfpenny stamps, and in order to supply the deficiency pending the arrival of a fresh consignment, recourse was made to surcharging, a single sheet of the 1d bright blue of 1893 being requisitioned for the purpose, and the stamps bisected vertically, with the figures ½ impressed on each half in red, giving a total of 120 provisional Halfpenny stamps. One month later the One Penny stamps also became exhausted at the same post office, and a small supply of the 2d green and carmine of the overprinted 1892 issue remaining on hand (consisting of half a sheet) was divided vertically, and each half of the stamps surcharged with a large numeral "1" for provisional use as One Penny stamps. For the most part the stamps were surcharged in vermilion with a large numeral measuring 12 mm. in height, but a few had the surcharge applied in carmine in a small type measuring only 4¾ mm. Of this later variety only two specimens are known, one being from the top row of the sheet.

A further dearth of ½d stamps occurring at Opobo in August, 1894, was met by surcharging a second sheet of the 1d dull blue of 1893 with the figures "½" twice, and bisecting them as before. The surcharge in this case was much clearer and sharper than on the May printing of the same provisional.

The same month saw a similar famine at Old Calabar, where a temporary shortage of ½d stamps led to the surcharging of twenty sheets of the 2½d denomination of 1894 with the words ONE HALF PENNY in two lines of small sans-serif capitals, thus creating 960 provisional stamps of that value. The overprint was applied locally from moveable type set up to surcharge a single row of eight stamps at each impression; the original value-inscriptions on the stamps being cancelled with short thick bars on each side, and two long thin bars at the foot.

In August and October of the same year two sheets of the One Penny vermilion of the same year were surcharged "½" twice at Opobo, in black, blue, or violet ink, and bisected *diagonally* for use as provisional ½d stamps. This stamp is also known bisected without the surcharge and used for one halfpenny. October also witnessed the production of a further supply of the "1d on half of 2d "provisionals, a full sheet being brought into use on this occasion.

The necessity for these provisionals arose from the fact that Opobo being an out-station, communication with the G. P. O. at Old Calabar was infrequent, and owing to insufficient supplies of the new issue having been sent out from England, it happened on several occasions that requisitions from the Opobo office could not be filled, hence the reason for the numerous surcharges.

1894. May to October. Provisional issues at Opobo and Old Calabar. Issues of 1892, 1893, 1894 surcharged locally with new denominations (and in some cases bisected) for temporary use. Numbers printed appended in brackets (on authority of "Africa," Part III.).

May ½d red on 1d bright blue, 1893 (120)
August ½d red on 1d dull blue 1893 (120)
August 10th. One halfpenny black on 2½d blue, 1894 (960)
October ½d black, blue or violet on 1d vermilion, 1894 (360)
June and October. 1d vermilion on 2d green and carmine, 1892 (360)

Varieties.

Numeral 1 measures only 4¾ mm.
1 carmine on 2d green and carmine (2)
Damaged N like I (last in each row).
O ie Halfpenny on 2½d blue (120)
Bisected (without overprint).
Half of 1d vermilion used for ½d.
Double Surcharge.
One HalfPenny on 2½d blue.

A fresh printing of the 1d value in the permanent type received in the Protectorate in March, 1897, was upon the special paper supplied by the Crown Agents for the Colonies bearing the watermarked device of a Royal Crown above the initials CA (signifying Crown Agents), apparently indicating the transfer of the administration from the Foreign to the Colonial Office. The other denominations in the existing types subsequently made their appearance on watermarked paper, whilst in June, 1898, three additional values, viz., 6d, 2sh 6d, and 10sh were added to the series. Seven printings of the ½d and 1d values, five of the 2d, six of the 2½d, three each of the 5d, 6d, 1sh, and 2sh 6d, and four of the 10sh, were made on watermarked paper between March, 1897, and December, 1899.

1897-98. Permanent issue. Nine values. Design as last. Head of Queen Victoria in a different frame for each value. Engraved in taille-douce and printed from steel plates by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, in London, on thick white wove paper. Wmk. Crown CA. Various perforations gauging 12 to 15. Dates of issue appended in brackets. Numbers printed, on authority of "Africa," Part III.

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1d vermilion (March 1897), 370,736
2d carmine, deep carmine (July '97), 109,736
2½d blue, pale blue (August 1897), 125,000
5d purple, violet, deep violet (August 1897), 39,600
6d yellow-brown, orange-brown (July 1898), 47,736
1sh olive-bistre (August 1897), 25,000
2sh 6d olive-bistre (June 1898), 32,736
10sh deep purple, bright purple (June 1898), 6,736

The sheets of the values were composed as follows:—6d, 48, in six rows of 8; 2sh 6d, 30, in five rows of 6; 10sh, 20, in four rows of 5.

These values are also known overprinted "Consular" for fiscal use.

The following note on the postmarks in use at Old Calabar is taken from the *Monthly Journal* 31/1/95:—

"There are three varieties of obliterating marks used at Old Calabar. First, the square stamp, with 'Old Calabar' and date within circles in the centre, which is supposed to be always used on outgoing letters. . . . Second, a circular mark, inscribed 'Old Calabar River,' and date which is intended to be used only upon in-coming letters, but has sometimes been used upon outgoing. Third, a small circular mark, which appears to be identical with the central portion of No. 1, containing 'Old Calabar' (instead of 'Old Calabar River' as in No. 2) and this, according to a letter from the Chief Clerk in the Post Office, is used solely for the purpose of obliterating stamps in sheets for the benefit of those persons who still believe that an obliteration is some sign of genuineness!"

Under the provisions of an Order in Council of December 28th, 1899, the Niger Coast Protectorate was incorporated with the Southern portion of the territories acquired by purchase from the Royal Niger Company, and was created as from January 1st, 1900, the Southern Nigeria Protectorate. The stamps of the 1897-98 series of the Niger Coast remained current in the new Protectorate until March, 1901, when they were superseded by a special issue inscribed "Southern Nigeria."

A posthumous re-issue of the old Niger Coast Protectorate stamps took place, however, in 1902, during the temporary exhaustion of the Southern Nigeria stamps, and which are believed to have been from a later and previously unissued printing, all values being uniformly *perforated 14.—Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

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MR. WILEY'S IDEA.

To the Editor:

If writers for the philatelic press will observe the rules common to the higher types of scientific discussion their output will be clearer and more easily understood.

The first principle which is generally violated is that which demands a clear statement of the subject under discussion together with the theories which the writer may propose to prove. At this point there should appear a summary of the theories and arguments of the opposition, should such matter exist. We are all familiar with the incoherent jumble of fragmentary and unrelated data in which the subject is concealed in a mass of "notes," and with the other type, common to writers who depend upon the weight of their name to establish the proof, in which the "argument" consists of nothing more than their unsupported personal opinion.

The second error, quite generally prevalent, is a mincing reluctance to mention the names of other writers involved in the discussion when their several theories are the subject of attack or defense. The name of the authority should be given in each instance where he may be quoted. Failure to observe this common rule results in confusion.

No reasonable man objects to reasonable criticism of what he writes. He will always stand responsible for matter which may appear over his signature. Realizing that the truth is attained through intelligent discussion rather than by arbitrary reiteration he will welcome a courteous presentation of theory and fact regardless of their possible effect upon his personal arguments.

A review of the Stevenson-Luff-Chase-Goodwin treatments of the issues of United States stamps of 1851-57 is the impulse back of this letter.

H. L. WILEY.

MUSHO AGAIN TO THE FORE.

To Hon. Editor *Phila. Stamp News,*
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July 1, 1914.
—*Philadelphia Stamp News.*

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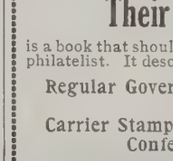
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SOME ODDITIES IN POSTAGE STAMPS.

In life, it is the person who is different from his fellows that draws interest, and keeps the world from growing monotonous. In stamp collecting, the same rule applies. It is the different stamp that gives the spice to the hobby. There are a great number of these "odd" stamps that are worthy of attention, but as space is limited, we will only consider a few of them.

CURIOSITIES OF SHAPE.

The usual shape of a stamp is rectangular. There are some very interesting exceptions, however. Probably the most celebrated of these exceptions are the triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps. These stamps are so well known that comment is unnecessary. Liberia, Ecuador and Colombian Republic have also issued right-triangular stamps. Obock, Somali Coast, and Colombian Republic are among the few that have issued acute-angle triangular stamps. For the collector who is interested in these odd stamps, the Ecuador and Liberians can be procured for a small sum. The others are usually more expensive.

Diamond-shaped stamps are not quite as frequently met with. The Acknowledgment of Receipt stamps of Antioquia, issued in 1902 and 1903 are not uncommon examples of this class of stamp, these together with the Postal Packet stamps of Salvador, are in reality square stamps printed to appear diamond shape. The twenty-five and fifty franc stamps of Somali Coast are true rhombi. These latter stamps are quite expensive, but the former are easily procurable.

Probably the oddest shaped stamps ever issued are the Turkish Offices in Thessaly series. These stamps bear an octagonal design, and while they are perforated square, the corners are perforated and are usually detached, making the stamps octagonal in shape. This set is very interesting, though it has little value. Postally used copies are very scarce.

In the matter of size, stamps range from less than one-half inch to several inches. Probably the smallest stamps ever issued are the first series for Bolivar, issued in 1863-66. These tiny labels are about half the size of an ordinary stamp hinge. Several of the United States Locals and Confederates are very small in size, though I have never seen any stamp smaller than the Bolivar stamps mentioned above. In addition to the small size of these stamps, the Scott catalogue lists the 10c bisected for use as 5c. How a person could put this stamp on a letter without swallowing it is beyond my conception. Certainly no one with a good sized cavity in his teeth could do it without risk of losing the stamp. Colombian Republic certainly should be awarded the honors for issuing the queerest shaped stamps. They have issued the smallest, nearly the largest, two types of triangulars, and one type of diamond shape. Colombia can also claim some honors for oddities in designs, also.

The German states of Mecklenburg Schwerin and Brunswick issued stamps divided in four parts, each of which was very small. These stamps were designed for use as four-fourths of a groschen or schilling, and the parts were sometimes used as one, two, or three-fourths, as the case demanded. Therefore, these parts, though really complete stamps in the matter of design, can hardly be classed as entire stamps.

The little South Australian and Victorian half-penny stamps are the smallest perforated stamps ever issued, though they are larger than the imperforated stamps mentioned above. Many of these "little fellows" are within the reach of the collector of moderate means.

In the other extreme, the Cubiertas or Insured Letter stamps of Colombian Republic are the largest stamps ever issued. There are a great number of varieties of these labels, all being several inches long and nearly as wide. The United States Newspaper Stamps of 1865, will hold their own in size with almost any stamp, being 51x95 mm. Last but not least, the Chinese Special Delivery stamps, recently brought to light, and which will be included in the next Scott catalogue, must be considered. Like the German stamps referred to above, these stamps are divided into four parts. These parts are detached by the postal officials in the various travels of the letter, so the complete stamp is practically unknown. I have heard that it is a serious offense to have a complete stamp of this nature in one's possession in China, but do not know whether this is true or not. Probably, the ruling is similar to the one in force here concerning unused postage due and postal savings stamps.

CURIOSITIES OF DESIGN.

There are many items of interest coming under this head. The design, being the principal part of the stamp, should receive the most attention by collectors. In many cases, the design typifies the art of the country. In some it is a little hard to find the art, to our way of thinking, but it is probably there.

In 1898, a shortage of one penny stamps in British Central Africa necessitated the issue of a provisional. To accomplish this, the die used in making the revenue stamped paper was brought to use, and the embossed "Internal Postage" provisional was created. The die used in making this stamp is very similar to many in use in England and the various colonies to-day in affixing the tax on documents, etc., and this stamp is a fitting souvenir of a "straight" revenue type used to make a postage stamp, there being countless postage types used for revenues.

Type-set stamps are nearly always curious and interesting. Many are among the rarities of the world. The early British Guiana, Hawaii, Fiji, Cauca (Colombian Rep.) and Confederate Locals are among the interesting type-set stamps. As usual, Colombian Republic furnishes some interesting later provisionals, also Surinam is well represented.

The Servian issue of 1904, popularly known as the "Death Mask" series, has attracted a great deal of attention because of the fact that the values of five to fifty paras, when held in a certain position, disclose the portrait of the King, who was assassinated shortly before the stamps were issued. This set is one of the most curious of any of the issues with "secret marks." This freak of the death mask is scarcely a secret mark, in the sense of the word. A "secret mark" is more commonly used as a means of identification, or to distinguish one issue from another, as in the case of the Continental Bank Note Company issue of United States.

The Cape Verde issues of 1877 to 1885 are responsible for a very curious error. In making a plate for the forty reis stamp, by some error, the transfer rolls for Cape Verde and Mozambique became mixed, with the result that the Cape Verde plate contains a stamp inscribed Mozambique. This is an instance where stamps from two countries can be found on the same sheet!

On the same page in the catalogue as the above error, three other unique stamps are listed. These are the local stamps issued in Mafeking during the Boer War, when that place was in a state of siege. In making these stamps, ordinary blue print paper was pressed into service, the same as is used by architects.

The typewriter has contributed some interesting specimens. The first issues of Uganda were manufactured locally on a typewriter. On the twelfth and thirteenth day of August, Nineteen Ten, the Republic of Panama had occasion to surcharge a few of the regular two and one-half cent stamps with the word "Retardo" for use as Too Late stamps. The typewriter was again brought to use.

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WHAT WILL THE WAR DO TO STAMP COLLECTING?

This is a question that is in the minds of all collectors at this turbulent time. Will Europeans increase in value? What new provisionals will appear? Will the stocks and collections of our European brothers suffer? Will Philately lose some of her most ardent students by the sword?

It is doubtful whether European stamps will increase much in value because of the war. Temporarily there will be considerable demand for these stamps, and the prices will rise in many cases. Some stamps will remain higher in price, being underpriced at present. However, unless unusually heavy onslaught is made on the stocks of the European dealers, the supply of Europeans will remain about the same, so the prices should not be affected permanently.

Undoubtedly some new provisionals will appear, and some of these may be very scarce, as in the case of the 1901 provisional of Germany. As the eyes of collectors will be temporarily averted from stamps, especially in the unsettled territory, some provisionals may slip by unnoticed for a time.

In the course of the terrible destruction in which all Europe is involved, many stamp collections and stocks may be destroyed, and some of the collectors and dealers will undoubtedly fall in battle. Let us pray that those who have helped to make stamp collecting the high art and science that it is in Europe to-day may be spared.

MORE ABOUT COUNTERFEITS.

As I have received several communications from readers who take exception to my remarks about the scarcity of counterfeits, I believe it advisable to go into detail a little more fully.

When I stated that "counterfeits are growing very scarce to-day, and probably 90% of the counterfeits are of early issues" I was well aware of the evil practices of a few unscrupulous rascals engaged in this work. However, from what I can gather from their literature, I am of the opinion that practically all of their work is confined to the more expensive stamps, and chiefly among the early issues. My articles are written chiefly for the beginner, and I am still of the belief that the beginner will meet very few counterfeits in his travels, and that he need fear these "undesirables" very little. I do not say that he will not find a counterfeit occasionally, for at some time or other, every collector gets "stung" with some of these. When a collector is sufficiently advanced to pay up in the dollars for his stamps, he will have more need to use his eyes, and buy from reputable firms. However, the advanced collector is, or should be, better informed on stamps, and should be better able to protect himself.

When the number of stamps in existence is considered, the occasional black sheep should not discourage collectors. It stands to reason that a counterfeiter will not reproduce a cheap stamp when for the same labor, he can make one more expensive. Also, he must depend on the sale of a limited number to bring him profit, for any great quantity would be detected easily, and the sale and profit lost. For the benefit of the man who still doubts, let him throw away his shoes because shoes are made with paste-board soles, and let him cease to eat, because food is adulterated and is not always as represented.

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KEEPING OF STAMP RECORD.

By CATANO FRATUS.

Ten or twelve years ago I tried to interest a youngster in the collection of stamps, knowing from boyhood experience how much pleasure there was in collecting. After a year or two his interest was transferred to baseball and similar pursuits while mine had taken a firm hold.

Like many other collectors I felt that keeping a record of my stamp transactions would be both a pleasure and a benefit. I tried several methods including that of making records in the Standard Catalog, using different kinds of checks to indicate used or unused specimens, pairs or blocks. I also intended to put in the cost of the stamps but, unfortunately, at times failed to do so. This method was not satisfactory as it necessitated a complete rewriting whenever a new edition of the catalog was issued.

I finally dropped this method and for some time kept no records but a year or more ago I again took up the matter and made up a system which covers my wants very satisfactorily.

I was much interested in the articles on this subject by Frank L. Applegate and T. Russell Hungerford which appeared in the WEEKLY in the issues of Jan. 24th and Feb. 21st respectively. The systems by which they record stamp transactions are very complete and must add greatly to their pleasure in collecting.

Owing to the fact that I could give but little time to stamps I felt the need of a system that would be simple yet, at the same time, give me the desired information.

I use but one book. The eight columns at the left of the page I use as follows:—1—year of issue, 2—catalog number, 3—description of stamp—denomination, color, &c, 4—condition, 5—when bought, 6—of whom bought, 7—for any memorandum, such as date of letter regarding purchase, 8—cost of stamp. The fourteen columns, beginning with the ninth, at the right of the page are for catalog values and are filled in upon receipt of each new edition of the catalog—the year being inserted just above the double headline. This arrangement gives on one line full information regarding any stamp.

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The greatest amount of work in connection with this method was in writing in the catalog description of the stamps, but this having been done it required but little time to keep up to date. In listing the stamps of a country I went through the catalog very carefully and listed only such stamps as I possessed or hoped to secure later. In some cases I went back to some particular issue, starting my list at this point but leaving a blank page for recording stamps issued prior to that time should I be fortunate enough to secure them.

In writing in the prices from the 1914 catalog I found that it would be well not to number the stamps of the last issue as shown in the catalog owing to the fact that when new values are issued there is generally a new arrangement and that the numbers are changed. There was also a new arrangement in listing the multiple watermarked British Colonial stamps on ordinary paper. Formerly where these stamps were printed on both ordinary and chalky papers the ordinary were listed under a subdivision designated by the letter "a" after the number. As I collect both varieties I find it convenient to continue the use of this method to distinguish the two papers.

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MELVILLE'S WAR CHAT.

War!—The dogs of war have been let loose with a vengeance, and at this moment there are a few of us who can give more than a passing thought to the grand hobby which has delighted us in our days of peace. The suddenness with which the small speck of cloud no bigger than a man's hand, the peremptory ultimatum from Austria to Servia, has developed into a great cloud-burst of war may well have appalled the millions of peace-loving inhabitants of our Empire, but for the surprising readiness with which our authorities have met the exigencies of the new conditions.

En Route for Finland.—The Editor of *The Postage Stamp* was in Sweden at the date of the Austrian-Servian complication, of which he learned just as he was boarding the little canal steamer *Venus* from Gothenburg for Stockholm. For three days thereafter he was out of touch with all news and not until a day after reaching Stockholm was it known that Austria had declared war upon Servia. It was then apparent that other complications were arising, but it was extremely difficult to separate alarmist reports from bona fide news, and on Friday, July 31, Mr. Melville embarked on the *Bore I.*, a splendid vessel sailing under the Finnish flag for Abo.

Stopped in the Baltic—The *Bore I.* never got to Finland on that voyage. She left Stockholm at 7.30 in the evening, and by midnight was on the outer fringe of the Swedish archipelago, within two hours sailing of the archipelago on the Finnish side. There in the comparative security of Swedish territorial waters the *Bore I.* dropped anchor and lay for nine hours. During all those hours they waited patiently for a sign of the sister-ship coming from Abo to Stockholm but as she did not come, a boat was put ashore on one of the little Swedish islands and got into communication by telephone with Stockholm. The vessel from Abo had not left the Finnish port and German warships were in strength in the Baltic ready for what might have been one of the first, and not the least valuable prizes of the war, the *Bore I.*

Missing Articles.—The *Bore I.* turned and sailed back to Stockholm, and then for the first time it became plain that affairs were becoming very complex. The Editor decided to omit the Russian part of his itinerary and go straight to Copenhagen and afterwards to Cassel. We have since learnt that all the Editor's articles posted from Stockholm to *The Postage Stamp*, and to other journals with which he is connected, have never reached their addresses in this country. The next day, Sunday, August 2, Mr. Melville left Stockholm for Copenhagen. The routes available were by this time much disturbed. The magnificent ferry steamers from Trelleborg to Sassnitz were stopped at the first alarm of war. The Editor's route was via Malmo, and crossing the Sound between Malmo and Copenhagen he saw the first elaborate war preparations.

Watching the Entrance to the Baltic.—There were Danish warships guarding the Sound, and a score of enormously powerful searchlights moved across the seas and every now and then one circled the skies. They were operated from warships, from the Danish and Swedish forts in mid-sea, and from land forts on each coast. The tiniest craft could not move upon the face of those waters without its every movement being known to the vigilant watchers. It was after midnight when Copenhagen was reached.

Refugee Russians.—The next day, Monday, the short trip across from Malmo to Copenhagen was greatly lengthened, taking nearly three hours instead of 1½ hours, as the harbour entrances were mined. It was only then that it became clear that the journey into Germany would have to be abandoned, and doubtless the International Philatelic Exhibition at Cassel has had to be abandoned. Every through route to Germany was closed that day, and in the afternoon and all next day Copenhagen filled with Russian refugees who had been hurried across the German frontier, and arrived in the Danish capital with, at that time little or no prospect of getting on to their homes in Finland and Russia. Many of them were in great extremities having suffered severe hardships en route from points in Germany, and although most of them were well provided with paper money, in the first scare of war, they were practically penniless, as no one would accept their paper.

The Position of the Britishers.—Happily most of the Russians got away with the train which took the Dowager Empress right up to the north of Sweden and down the other coast into Russia. At this time the position of the British travellers was uncertain, but few if any of them realised then that the British Empire would be drawn into the struggle, and that they too would experience great difficulty in getting back to their home country.

England Enters the War.—It was long after midnight of Monday that the decision of the British Cabinet Council reached Copenhagen, and although not a declaration of war it implied that, as Belgium's neutrality had already been violated, a declaration of war must speedily follow. As everyone knows, it did follow. The Britishers, or many of them, made poste haste for Esbjerg, but the Editor who had arranged to spend Wednesday at the stamp-printing works of Messrs. Thiele, in Copenhagen, stayed on. All who left for Esbjerg were still there when Mr. Melville joined the anxious throng three days later. The Esbjerg-Harwich route was stopped from Monday, August 3. No steamer left Esbjerg on the Tuesday.

The Sale of Sensations.—By this time Denmark was mobilising rapidly, and the excitement in *Stroget* and the *Raadhusplads* was intense. Thousands of people crowded round the newspaper offices when each new telegram was displayed in the windows written large on enormous sheets of paper. The "Latest News" in printed form was being sold like hot cakes, and bought indiscriminately. Numbers of folk bought them 20 or 30 in the day, sometimes to find that in their excitement and impatience they were eagerly digesting a news sheet of yesterday which had been palmed off upon them by a mendacious news vendor.

Off to Esbjerg.—The news of the stoppage of the Esbjerg-Harwich route was a severe blow to Denmark, whose prosperity largely rests on its export trade of bacon, butter and eggs to Britain, and when after some days of anxious waiting the news of the intended re-opening of the route on Friday, the 7th, was displayed on the placards there was tremendous cheering from the crowds in the *Raadhusplads*. The Editor determined to make for Esbjerg by the first train, and many other Britishers, including some who had already journeyed to Esbjerg and come back again to Copenhagen, filled the train that Friday morning, and set off in good spirits with every hope of getting home.

A Cruel Blow.—But at Fredericia, after a long and tedious journey, a cheerful guard went along the train and said: "Perhaps the dampskibet (steamer) no go." And sure enough when the passengers turned out at Esbjerg about 5 p. m., they had just to join the muster of Britishers who had been crowding into the little port for days. And for one and all, those with money and those without, there was but one thing to do, and that one thing was to philosophically "wait and see." —*Postage Stamp.*

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The Second Annual Convention of the National Philatelic Society was held at Boston, Mass., on July 27-28-29, 1914. Headquarters were at the Castle Square Hotel, where all the business sessions were held, with President Weiss in the chair. E. L. Clark, acting as secretary pro tem, in the absence of secretary Goodwin. There were present 37 members, while 77 others were represented by proxy. About 20 visitors attended some of the business sessions and entertainments.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., E. L. Weiss, New York City; Vice Pres., E. L. Clark, Lynn, Mass.; Sec., W. E. Goodwin, Dover, N. H.; Treas., A. M. Wright, Roslindale, Mass.; Int. Sec., L. G. Dorpat, Wayside, Wis.; Directors-at-Large, W. G. Whittaker, Cleveland, O. and W. A. Stryker, Westfield, N. J.; official organ, The New England Philatelist. Next convention, New York City, July 22-23-24, 1915.

Several minor changes were found advisable in the constitution and by-laws, as was to be expected in so young a society. Eight new members were admitted under suspension of the rules.

The society now has about 230 members, and the auction, sales and exchange departments are well managed and well patronized. The Boston Philatelic Exchange Club, with 20 members, is Branch No. 2, and the New York Philatelic Exchange Club, with 41 members, is Branch No. 3. Branch No. 1, at Windsor, Vt., is inactive at present, but will probably be revived this fall.

The social features at the convention included a historic trolley ride around Boston on Monday, in a car chartered by Branch No. 2, and outings at Revere Beach and Nahant, with a banquet at the latter place, on Tuesday. An auction sale and bourse was held on Wednesday, and a moonlight sail to Nantasket Beach in the evening.

The N. P. S. must have a good press agent, as we have seen no less than seventeen clippings taken from Boston papers the last week in July, about the convention and stamp collecting. The society will publish its Second Annual Year Book on Jan. 1st, 1915.

EUGENE DOEBLIN.

Eugene Doeblin, aged 71 years, manager of the advertising department of the *Volksblatt and Freiheits Freund*, a stamp collector of international fame, the owner of a valuable library of German theatrical books, and one of the best known Germans in Pittsburgh, died yesterday afternoon in his home, 5444 Claybourne street. Mr. Doeblin, apparently in the best of health, was at his office until late Saturday night. At 11.30 o'clock he was attacked by apoplexy and died about four hours later. Mr. Doeblin was born September 11, 1842, in Hohensalza, Posen, Germany. He served in the German army in his youth and saw service in the German-Danish war. He was wounded in the battle of Dueppeler Schauzen, Denmark, in 1864. Following this campaign he came to the United States. Mr. Doeblin came to Pittsburgh about 30 years ago and engaged in newspaper work. He was employed first as a solicitor in the advertising department of the *Sonntagsbote*, then for several years in a similar capacity on the *Beobachter*. He had been with the *Volksblatt and Freiheits Freund* for 17 years. The collection of stamps which Mr. Doeblin had gathered is known throughout the world. It is the result of effort expended since Mr. Doeblin was a young man. It contains rare specimens from all parts of the world and won many medals for Mr. Doeblin. For 15 years Mr. Doeblin was international secretary of the American Philatelic Society, the organization composed of the leading stamp collectors. He was a regular attendant at the society's conferences and in spite of his age was one of the principal figures at the annual conference held this month at Niagara Falls. Mr. Doeblin's library contained several thousand books, principally German plays and works dealing with the theater. He furnished the plays for the leading German theaters and actors all over the United States and he issued annually a catalogue of the works in his possession. Mr. Doeblin was married 47 years ago. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Mathilda Doeblin, and the following children: Louis Doeblin, of Geneva, N. Y.; Albert Doeblin, New York City, and Philip and Ruben Doeblin, of Pittsburgh; also Mrs. Bertha Schlimpen, Mrs. Emma Levy, Mrs. Paula Cohen, Mrs. Frances Blau and Martha Doeblin Morgan. He also leaves three brothers in Germany, and 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren in this country.—Pittsburgh *Chronicle-Telegraph*.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Gone From Us—It indeed will be a shock to the philatelic world to hear of the death from apoplexy of Eugene Doeblin, Pittsburgh, on Sunday, August 30th, in his seventy-first year. The fact that Mr. Doeblin worked late at his office Saturday night shows how suddenly the fatal attack came; and Mr. Doeblin's presence at the convention of the American Philatelic Society at Niagara Falls earlier in the month, after a trip through the great lakes was taken as an indication of sound health by his friends there. In the death of Mr. Doeblin philatelic Pittsburgh has been bereaved and all America has sustained a loss that is peculiarly severe; and the American Philatelic Society has been deprived of a member whose popularity was unbounded. Mr. Doeblin's connection with the American Philatelic Society was formed in the infancy of the organization and it continued until the end. Almost from the first, Mr. Doeblin attended the annual conventions and took otherwise a keen interest in the affairs of the society. Year after year, he served on the board of directors and supported the local branch of the mother society in Pittsburgh. As a collector, Mr. Doeblin's activities extended over the period of a half century or more. Latterly, the issues of Europe have been his collecting field and his Great Britain and German states and Empire and colonies were of superb proportions. He exhibited from his collection on several occasions and gained a number of medals in competition. Mr. Doeblin, as might be supposed, combined the old and the modern schools of collecting. It was his conviction that the stamps themselves were paramount in importance to their surroundings such as artistically prepared albums and specially ruled pages even though he did not ignore a fitting setting for his stamps. His trade relations with dealers continued almost to the last and his name was about as well known in some of the centers of Europe as in America.

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Our Tribute—Our personal acquaintance with Mr. Doeblin was begun in 1893, when he attended the convention of the American Philatelic Society at Chicago and his striking personality made an impression on us that succeeding years deepened. His humor, tinctured with kindliness as it always seemed to be, was so quaint and spontaneous that it took his hearers by storm. To many of the members, Mr. Doeblin was revered as "Papa" Doeblin; and they in particular will mourn for days to come over the passing away of their friend with the heart of gold,—a friend who forgot himself in his wish to make others happy. We deplore the death of one who always personified the "spirit of smiles" and who gave us many a joyous minute; and we shall rear a shrine for him in memory where we may often meditate upon the virtues and endearing human qualities of our departed friend.

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Newspaper Notices—The Pittsburgh newspapers contained biographical details of Mr. Doeblin which will be read with attention by those who knew Mr. Doeblin; and we choose an account from the Pittsburgh *Chronicle-Telegraph* of August 31st for reprinting in another column. We might add that Mr. Doeblin's stamp den was one of the famous sanctuaries in this country and those who have enjoyed his hospitality in it have a mental picture not soon to be effaced. Mr. Doeblin usually was accompanied to conventions by his wife and sometimes other members of his family; and to the widow and children we extend our heart-felt sympathy.

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History Repeats Itself—The transfer of the seat of government in France from Paris to Bordeaux brings to the minds of philatelists the Bordeaux lithographs and the original movement of the kind in 1870 for the same reason that now holds. Philately teaches history; and will philatelic history repeat itself?

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Cent A-Piece—A question in a recent prize contest was: Which country outside of the United States has issued the most stamps that are priced at a cent each in the catalogue? Did you know that it was Austria?

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Jubilee Cancellation—Christiania, Norway, is using a polyglot cancellation in honor of its exhibition. The marking in four wavy lines reads: Norway 1914—Jubilaemus Utstilling—Centenary Exhibition—Exposition du Centenaire.

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More Light—Some time ago, we printed a clipping from a Los Angeles newspaper telling of the discovery of the current six cent United States in the color of the four cents. We printed the clipping for what it was worth; and now we learn some interesting particulars from a Los Angeles correspondent who says: "Not long since a postal clerk in the employ of the Los Angeles post office noticed a six cent United States postage in a brown color, the same shade as the four cent of the current issue. He conveyed this information to a Los Angeles dealer telling him the post office from which it emanated. The dealer went to East San Pedro and purchased seven copies or all that were left and disposed of them immediately for fifty dollars each. The postmaster said that he had received the sheet in 1911 from the Los Angeles post office and from then on, the stamp was in continuous use. He is of the opinion that the stamps had become oxidized as his post office is over the salt water at the end of the wharf near where a canning company discharges its refuse. All the stamps of the lot save the seven copies purchased by the Los Angeles dealer were used on packages by the White Star Canning Company for mailing samples of canned fish. If the stamps were not oxidized, the cannery has unwittingly used many thousands of dollars worth of stamps in a philatelic sense in paying postage amounting to but the merest fraction of that amount." What story does per-oxide of hydrogen tell?

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Another Constant Reader—Miss Amy L. Swift has a strong competitor in the contest to determine the lady reader who for the longest period has subscribed to the WEEKLY in the person of Hattie R. Stratton, Chattanooga, Tenn., who writes: "May I not be classed among your oldest subscribers in that I have been a subscriber almost from the very first issue of the WEEKLY? Would your books show just when my subscription began? I remember seeing the first issue and know that I subscribed soon after that. I was then teaching in the State Normal School at Montgomery, Alabama. I also read the 'Daily' every day while it was issued,—nine months was it not?" We no longer have the original subscription books of the WEEKLY but we know that our correspondent is deserving of a prize along with Miss Swift for loyalty to the WEEKLY and we shall have pleasure in sending each of them a stamp memento.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—"I have just returned from a two months' trip to Europe and find that my subscription to your valuable paper has expired. Herewith find money order for renewal, as I cannot afford to miss a copy. Glad you have arrived safely and hope you had as good a time as I did. I was with the Temple Tours, and altho we could not enter Germany, Switzerland, Holland or Belgium we had a good time in the cities we visited and saw many wonderful and interesting things. Managed to get through France on passports and reach Liverpool in time for sailing. I saw stamps for sale at Azores Islands, Madeira, and many places in Venice, but they were not exceptionally cheap, and there was a total absence of good U. S. Wishing you and the WEEKLY good luck, I remain," T. RUSSELL HUNGERFORD.

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Breaking up superb United States collection of postage, departments and newspapers, unused and used including re-issues, special printings, inverts and cancellations, net priced ready to send on approval.

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France 10c Peace & Commerce Types I and II in mint unsevered, vertical pair (Scott's Nos. 91 and 106) ..... .35
France 1914, 10c surcharged with cross and 5c in red, issued last month in Paris, first war provisional, mint ..... .20

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Gt. Britain No. 1112, 24p on 5sh Edw... 1.87
No. 1167, 5p on 1sh Edward ..... .37
Barbados No. 108, 1f Mult. CA ..... .14
No. 199, 2d Mult. CA ..... .33
Bechuanaland No. 82, 1sh scarlet & gr'n .30
Br. Guiana No. 157, 6c blk. & ult. CA.. .60
No. 162, 5c on blue CAC ..... .33
No. 165, 12c lilac and violet ..... .65
Bermuda No. 15, ½d brown ..... .14
No. 28, 3d olive green & violet .... .18
No. 34, 2½d blue & brown ..... .18
No. 39, 4d brown & blue ..... .16
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Peru 1895, 1, 2, 5, 10c, Nos. 129-132.	.20	.07
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*Bolivia 1894, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100c..	.92	.16
*Rus. Lev't '13 Romanoff,5,10,15,20pa	.35	.14
Montenegro 1907, 1pa-5 per, comp...2.05		.75
*Nicaragua 1903, 5 & 10c,Nos. 169-170	.20	.06
*Hayti 1898-9, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10c	.56	.15
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1899, 1 peso, blue (Cat. 25c).....	.10
Sonora 5c on original envelope.....	.40
Ejercito 5c on original envelope.....	.12
Transitorio 5c on original envelope.....	.03
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*Current issue 1, 2, 5c, the three.....	.05

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Gt. Britain, Levant, ¼ pia on 10d Geo.... .30
Gt. Britain, Levant, 5 piastres on 1sh.. .30
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*Venezuela 1904, Official set ..... .21
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Bosnia 1906, 1h to 30h, inclusive .... .12
Mexico 1910, 1c to 20c inclusive ..... .12
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U. S. 3c green; Scott's 158d, Continental. Ten copies, good to fine $2.50
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79 Denmark 35 ore on 32 ore green .30
83 Denmark 20 ore dark blue ..... .05
84 Denmark 5kr red ..... .90
108 Denmark 1kr blue green & claret .04
109 Denmark 5kr rose & yellow green .30
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A SEND OFF TO E. M. CARPENTER.

By H. A. Kidder.

A congenial party gathered at the Winter Place Restaurant, Monday evening, August 31, to give a send off to Ernest M. Carpenter, for many years treasurer of the New England Stamp Co., and who was severing his connection therewith. He leaves with the hearty good wishes and the respect of all his associates, as proved by the expressions of good will and esteem voiced at the farewell dinner. John N. Luff came on from New York to be present, and Joseph S. Rich came down from his summer home at Bethel, Me. There were also present President Theo. W. Barry of the Boston Philatelic Society; L. L. Green, C. K. B. Nevin, George L. Toppan, Freeman Putney, Jr., James H. Lyons, Henry A. Kidder, A. W. Batchelder and Mr. Carpenter.

The affair was entirely informal but Mr. Carpenter took advantage of a lull in the feast to express his thanks to those who had arranged the testimonial. In graceful words he voiced his appreciation of the good will of the associates he was leaving and the harmony which had ever ruled in the affairs of the Company. He also took occasion to outline his plans for the future. Though still incomplete, they include a good long rest with occasional automobile trips to vary the monotony. Mr. Batchelder read letters of congratulation and regret at their inability to be present from Willard O. Wylie, M. H. Lombard and C. A. Howes. The latter's letter was in poetic form, and so well voiced the sentiments of those present that it was greeted with hearty applause. After the dinner the party adjourned to the Plymouth Theatre, where "Along Came Ruth" rounded out the evening in an enjoyable way. Here is Mr. Howe's poetical contribution to the good cheer of the evening:

Behold the goodly company gathered here
Around a board well furnished with good cheer!
What means this merry clink of plate and glass?
That time is in frivolity to pass?

Perhaps; yet without pleasure now and then
We'd be a race of dullards and not men.
Our relaxation frees the mind from care
And helps to lift the burden we all bear.

But that was not the only object sought
When summonses to each of us were brought
To join in festal conclave here tonight
And separate a man from business right!

Our friend has been the keeper of the "chest"
For near a score of years; and now a rest
He thinks would be conducive to his health,
While motoring will help him spend his wealth!

We greet him, then, with hearty hand clasp here
And drink a toast in water, wine or beer—
It matters not, so long as what is said
Rings true as coming from both heart and head.

We'll miss him much: a genial, kindly man,
With ever ready help, whene'er he can;
With good advice upon our council board
Where ideas for our magazine are stored.

So fill a bumper up once more to him!
A hearty drink before the lights grow dim,
Lest we delay—for I would have you know
This feast is but the prelude to a show!

And when it's o'er and each has gone his way
We trust our friend will feel that he can say,
As he looks back at times, when years roll on,
"'Tis pleasant to be missed when you are gone!"

A DARING ROBBERY.

Dealers everywhere are urged to be on the lookout for a stamp thief and as well his theft. The following from H. F. Colman of Washington, D. C., tells its own story:—

"Monday, Aug. 31, about 3.15 o'clock, a young man, smooth face, weight, about 135 to 140 lbs., I should judge, inclined to be light complexioned, rather small eyes, dressed in a dark suit, and straw hat, and rather good looking;—came in my store and bought $1.15 worth of stamps. He looked to be between twenty and twenty-five years old. At the time, I was waiting on another customer and my young lady clerk was waiting on the young man. He was in the office about twenty minutes, when Dr. Howard came in and wanted me to go next door with him and get a cigar. At the time, I was busy, both my other clerks being away, but finally, I went out with him. The young man asked my clerk for something else, and while she turned to get it from the safe, he grabbed a stock book of British Colonies, ran down the stairs, and disappeared on the street. The book contained the stamps of Great Britain, British North America, and the Colonies up to Natal,—all 19th century stamps.

"Up to this writing (Sept. 5) he has not been located, notwithstanding the fact that the detective bureau here in the city, has wired all cities from Chicago east, notifying them of the theft and giving his description. I think it would be a good idea for you to warn dealers, as I understand Mr. Klein, and J. W. Scott, and others, have had similar robberies. It may be the same person.

"It looks as if the more publicity this is given, the quicker we can trace the culprit. If dealers are on their guard now, it may be that we can run him down.

"It is impossible for me to say just how much the stock book amounted to, but the chances are it runs up to $3,000 and $4,000—in value. Some of the stamps I could identify, if I could see them."

Advertising Chat—No. 3.

A glance through our advertising columns this week will convince you that the stamp season has opened in earnest and the many offerings will be perused with interest by our readers. Our advertising matter is running much stronger than a year ago and is proof positive of the tremendous value of the WEEKLY as an advertising medium.

Dealing in stamps is both a lucrative and pleasant vocation and can be conducted as a side-line, especially in these days of mail order business. A dime will secure our little booklet "How to Deal in Stamps," with many valuable hints for the would-be dealer.

We now have 7700 paid subscribers and it will not be long ere we shall pass another much coveted milestone. It is not an easy thing building a circulation for a trade paper, but our mailing list is on a secure foundation and no stamp paper in the world can touch us in efficiency in reaching the stamp buying public.

Our advertising contracts are described on our editorial page. We urge you to write us if you are at all interested. If you want to sell your collection there is no better way than to make use of our columns.

We sell quarter pages for $15 and they are proving very popular. Note the large advertisement of B. L. Voorhees this week, while the attractive advertisement of Geo. W. Linn Co. will surely be read. A new advertiser, Benj. Weisner, is seen in our columns this week for the first time, while one of our old stand-bys, Burger & Co., favors us with an opening advertisement.

Whether you want to advertise or to assist us in getting new subscribers, we are prepared to do our part in publishing the gospel of good business and count upon the coming season as being a live one for American philately.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

Russian Jubilee 1913

1k	No. 88	.01
2k	89	.01
3k	90	.01
4k	91	.03
7k	92	.01
10k	93	.01
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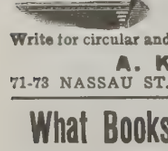
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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AUSTRALIA.—W. T. Wilson sends us the second (?) printing of the King George Commonwealth 1d stamp which was issued to the Australian offices, July 18. The differences between this and the earlier printings are only for the specialists, and have been fully described in previous numbers of MEKEEL'S.

FRANCE.—The predicted flood of provisionals and new issues resulting from the European war has already begun. W. T. Wilson sends us a specimen of the current 10c of France, which has been surcharged with the Red Cross emblem and "5c". This stamp is to be sold for 15 centimes, of which 5 centimes is to be devoted to the Red Cross work. The surcharge covers the lower part of the Sower's, the Red Cross serving as a "plus" mark between the two values.

Provisional Adhesive.
10cx5c rose lake on red.

INDIA.—*Patiala.*—We are informed by Whitfield King & Co. that the 1a carmine King George stamp has been overprinted "Service" and the name of the State for use in Patiala.

JAPAN.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 5y and 10y values printed on the new granite paper, watermarked wavy lines.

MEXICO.—*Sonora.*—Lowell A. Ragatz writes as follows: A California correspondent who has supplied me with G. C. M. Sonora stamps for my foreign customers writes, "Look out for counterfeit G. C. M. They are very well made, and would readily pass as O. K. if not closely examined. The principal points I note are as follows. In the counterfeit the upstroke of 'G' does not touch the upper half, as it does in the original. The final curl in 'M' in the counterfeit goes lower than in the genuine 'M.' In the counterfeit there is a much wider space between 'GC,' while in the genuine the space is very slight in lightly stamped copies, and touches in the heavily stamped ones. The counterfeit 'G' is 16 mm. long, while 15 mm. on the genuine."

PERSIA.—Bright & Son have shown us a series of five postcards, and an envelope issued some time since, but which have not been previously chronicled by either Senf or Bright. The envelope is overprinted "Provisoire—1319" in a frame like Scott's Adhesives, Nos. 173 to 190 in black. Bright chronicles the 10c and 12c envelopes with this overprint, but not the 8c. Two of the single cards have the same overprint, while two single cards and the reply card have control mark "a" of Scott's 1899 adhesive series. The cards thus overprinted are the 1894 type.

Envelope.
Overprinted "Provisoire 1319" in black.
8c yellow brown on white.

Post Cards.
Overprinted "Provisoire 1319" in blue black.
2c green on buff.
4c carmine on buff.
Overprinted Control "a" of 1899 in violet.
2c green on buff.
4c carmine on buff.
4cx4c carmine on rose, reverse buff.

TIBET.—Lowell J. Ragatz writes as follows:

"I have just imported some Tibet Native Issue sets, and notice a marked difference in paper used. One kind is thin and when held up to the light, presents an appearance like oiled paper. The colour has soaked through the

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	U.S.	
3	*U.S. Newps. 10c No. 1011,strip of 3	$3.00
4	* Nos. 1030-1-2, blocks of 4	7.40
5	* 8c No. 1033, mint block of 4	4.00
7	* 48c No. 1056, mint block of 4	16.00
14	*Canada 1875, 10c No. 45a, fine, mint, block of 4	8.00
20	*Egypt 1872-75, 1p red, No. 22c, fine, mint tete-beche pair	5.00
27	*Newfoundland 1857, 3p No. 3, a superb, mint "square pair"	4.00
28	*St. Christopher 1887, 6p olive, No. 22, superb mint, block of 4	30.00
33	*So. Australia 1902, 6p green, perf. 11½x12½, mint block of 4, very scarce ... Gibbons' price	7.50
34	* 8, 9, 10p, 1sh mint blocks of 4	7.00
35	* 2½sh purple, mint blocks of 4	5.00
37	*Trinidad 1851, 1p No. 8, mint blk. 4	10.00
38	*Br. Colonials, '29 var. from 17 countries, mint, blocks of 4 (face $4.76)	18.24
39	*Foreign, 66 var. from 36 countries, in mint blocks of 4, fine lot	12.00
	UNITED STATES.	
40	oCollection of 190 varieties mounted in a small blank album; 41 are unused, and every stamp is in nice condition—a nice start for some one	68.71
44	o1847, 10c black on entire cover, red cancellation, fine	5.00
45	*1857, 5c brown, type III, perfs. touch b., nice copy	10.00
48	*1871, 7c (Nat'l) no gum, very fine	6.00
58	*1893, $4.00 (Columbian) o. g., fine	6.50
59	* $5.00 (Columbian) o. g. little rubbed spot at one end	7.50
73	oRevenue, $50.00 green, imperf., fine tho close at left	7.50
85	*Azores 1910, 10r black, No. 114a, error of color, tiny nick in top margin, otherwise fine, o. g., very scarce	(?)
86	oBahamas, Nos. 13, 14, 18, all fine	6.25
87	oBarbados 1861, Nos. 17 & 19, very fine	4.25
	BRITISH EAST AFRICA.	
91	*1890, 2, 3 and 4r, o. g., fine	3.35
92	* 5r No. 28, o. g., very fine	(1.75)
94	*1896, 4r No.85, o.g., fine(face 1.28)	2.50
	BRITISH GUIANA.	
95	o1860-61, 8c No. 20, thin, looks fine	3.50
96	o 12c No. 21, very fine	3.00
97	o1863, 4 and 8c Nos. 47-8, very fine	3.50
98	o 12c No. 49, very fine	3.00
99	o1866, 1, 2, 4, 8c, Nos. 50-1-2-3, fine	4.75
	BRITISH HONDURAS.	
101	*1872-73, 3p No. 5, fine	3.50
102	o Same, used, fine	3.00
103	*1872-74, 3p No. 9, fine	5.00
104	o 1sh No. 11, fine	3.50
107	*1895-98, 25c No. 47, o. g., fine, scarce	2.50
	CANADA.	
110	*1857,½p No.8,sl.tear at r., no gum	10.00
112	o1859-64, 1, 5, 10, 12½, 17c, fine lot	3.28
115	o1869-75, 1c & 5c, Nos.31a, 37, fine	2.50
116	*1881-92, Nos.40-1-2-3-4-5-8,o.g.,fine	5.36
119	*1897 (Jubilee)$2 purple, o.g.,v.fine	3.00
120	* $3 yellow bistre,(no gum),v.fine	4.50
121	* $4 purple (no gum), (face $4)	6.00
122	* $5 olive(no gum,fine),(face $5)	7.50
123	o54 varieties, a fine lot	10.36
	CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.	
124	o1853, 4p blue No. 2, v. fine	1.50
127	*1855-58, 1p dull red, a nice copy without gum	12.50
128	* 6p lilac, o. g., fine, tho margins are close	18.50
130	o 1sh yellow green, superb	5.00
132	o1863-64, 1p brown red, very fine	4.00
133	o 1p carmine, fine	5.00
138	*1893-96,5sh No.56, o.g., centered r.	3.50
	CAYMAN ISLAND.	
140	*1907, 5sh No. 16, o. g., fine	10.00
141	*1907-09, 10sh No. 30, o. g., scarce	4.00
	CEYLON.	
142	o1857, 1p No. 1, nice copy, rare	10.00
143	o 6p No. 2, close margins, rare	6.00
145	* 10p No. 10, cut into slightly at right, very rare	25.00
146	o Same, a fine used copy	9.00
147	* ½p No. 14, close at bottom	9.00
148	o1864-67, 5p No. 51, very good	12.50
149	o 2, 6p and 1sh Nos. 49, 52-7	5.50
154	*1900, 2.25r, No. 163, o. g., fine	3.00
	CHILI.	
155	o1853, 10c. No. 2, fine	3.00
156	o1854, 5 & 10c Nos.3, 5, g'd copies	3.75
157	o1862, 20c No. 13, very good	3.75
158	o 20c No. 13a, fine	5.00
	CYPRUS.	
161	o1881, 6pi No. 15, very fine	10.00
164	*1894, 45pi No. 30, o. g., very fine	4.50
165	*1896, ½ to 12pi Nos. 31 to 37, o. g., fine	3.20
166	*1903, 6pi No. 43, o. g., very fine	2.25
	GOLD COAST.	
175	*1883-91,½p to 2sh, all o.g., v. fine	4.70
177	o1900, 5sh No. 33, used, fine	3.00
178	*1902, 2, 2½, 3, 6p, 1sh, o. g., fine	2.10
	HANOVER.	
184	o1859-61, 10gr No. 24, sl. crack in center, you need a glass to see it, a rare stamp	20.00
	HONG KONG.	
190	o1863-77, 96c No. 19, fine, v. scarce	7.50
191	*1903 (single), 2c to $1, o. g., fine	4.52
193	* $2.00, No. 71, o. g., v. fine	3.50
	INDIA.	
194	o1854, ½, 1, 2a, fine & scarce	2.25
196	*1895, 2 & 3r, o.g., fine(face $1.60)	3.00
197	* 5r No.52, o.g., fine (face $1.60)	3.00
	JAMAICA.	
201	o1860-63, Half of 1p No. 1b on entire cover, postmark over cut, very fine and rare	7.50
207	*1875, 5sh No. 15, o.g., v. fine	4.00

Lot No.		Cat. Value
	LAGOS.	
211	*1874-75, 6p No. 5, very fine	7.50
213	o 1, 2, 3p Nos. 7, 8, 9, fine	5.50
214	* 6p No. 11, o. g., fine	4.00
216	*1882, 3p No. 15, o. g., fine	3.25
219	*1887-91, 10sh No. 34, o. g., fine	7.00
222	*1903, 1sh No. 46, o. g., perfect	6.50
	MALTA.	
228	*1863-74, ½p brown orange, rare	10.00
229	* ½p golden yellow (No.4), fine	6.00
	MAURITIUS.	
232	o1859, 2p No. 17, superb	11.00
	MONTSERRAT.	
237	*1876-79, 2½p No. 2, fine, no gum	9.00
238	o1884-85, 2½p No. 7, very fine	7.50
	NEVIS.	
243	o1867, 4p orange, No. 10, very fine	6.50
245	o1879, 4p orange yellow, No. 15a, very good	5.00
246	o 6p olive gray, No. 16, superb	40.00
247	o 1sh gray-green No. 17, v. fine	15.00
248	* 1sh dark grn. No.17a, o.g., fine	12.50
249	o 2½p red-brown, No. 20, v. fine	10.00
250	*1882-83, 1p No. 22, o. g., perfs. touch top	5.00
252	o 4p blue No. 24, fine	4.00
253	o 6p green No. 25, very fine	35.00
255	o1884, 1sh violet No. 32, fine, n. g.	7.50
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256	o1851, 6p olive yellow, little too close at right, still a fine copy and rare	20.00
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265	*1900, ½p to 1sh complete,o.g.,fine	8.70
268	*1902, 10sh No. 18, o.g., fine	4.50
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281	*1882-85, 5sh No. 76, o.g.	5.00
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383	o1867, 1sh No. 38b, rare	(?)
387	*1892-97, 10sh No. 81, o.g., fine	4.50
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404	o1859, 1p No. 18, fine	7.50
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482	oGreece, 65 var.	11.87
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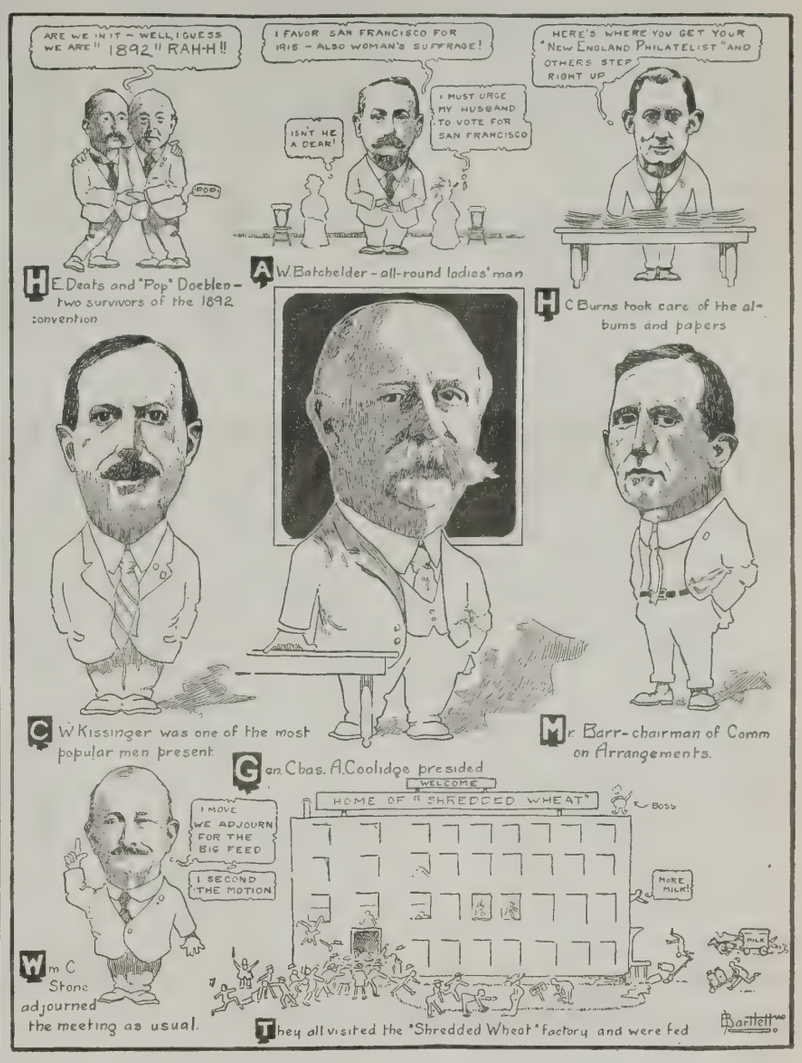
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WITH THE A. P. S. AT NIAGARA FALLS.

The cartoonist of the *New England Philatelist* presents us with some pictures of the well-known philatelists who figured in the convention of the A. P. S. in August. A melancholy interest attaches to the same in the fact that Mr. Doeblin whose death is recorded in this issue of the WEEKLY is shown in one of the features. A sample copy of the *New England Philatelist* can no doubt be secured by addressing the publishers at Lynn, Mass.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH STAMPS.

(*Press Clippings.*)

Immediate action is to be taken to print continuously the new King's Head penny stamps, which are to take the place of the Kangaroo issue. The secretary to the treasurer, Mr. G. T. Allen, states that the die working plates had arrived, and everything was in readiness to go ahead and turn out the 400,000,000 a year which would be required to fill the normal demand.

Approval has been given by the Postmaster-General to the new twopenny stamp, and the printing of the first issue of 100,000 is to commence immediately.

This also has the King's head as its main feature; but it does not contain the kangaroo, emu, and sprigs of wattle, which are included in the penny stamp. It is printed a mauve color, and in the opinion of the Federal officials it is an exceptionally pretty stamp. The first issue is to be printed by steel plate process, but dies are to be subsequently obtained from England to enable further supplies to be provided by the ordinary and cheaper electroplate process.

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PAPER.

The question of how to distinguish the various kinds of paper is one that is most puzzling to the beginner, and often confuses the specialist. As paper is the fundamental principle of postage stamps, it is really necessary that collectors should know something about it. I do not urge the beginner to try to collect the various paper varieties, as this work belongs to the advanced collector. However, the beginner will make no mistake by learning the differences so as to be able to distinguish them.

Wood, straw grass, waste-paper, linen and other rags (excepting woolens) are used in the manufacture of paper. Linen and cotton rags make the best quality paper, and as stamps are usually printed on the best paper obtainable, we have to deal with these materials more than the others. After the rags are sorted for buttons, etc., they are boiled in a solution of soda and lime to remove dirt, are then ground to a pulp, and the pulp is bleached. The bleaching solution is next extracted, the pulp is ground further, water is added, and the mixture flows through strainers to an endless cloth of wire gauze, which keeps moving at a steady rate, with a slight shaking motion to eliminate excess moisture and to distribute the pulp more evenly. Two narrow revolving bands of India-rubber, known as "deckles" regulate the width of the paper by resting on the gauze at the required width. The bands are responsible for the rough or "deckle" edges on the paper, and which add such a touch of quality to fine stationery. After the pulp has passed the deckles, it resembles wet blotting paper. It is next passed under the "dandy-roll" which is the most important operation as far as stamp collectors are concerned, for this "dandy-roll" determines whether the paper will be laid or wove, and in the case of water-marked paper, adds the watermark.

In making this "dandy-roll" the letters or devices for the watermark are raised slightly, so that the pulp receives additional pressure as it passes these points, and is just a little thinner in consequence. These letters or devices are usually stamped out of very thin sheets of brass and are soldered on the roller. In the early days they were made from bits of twisted wire sewn to the wire cloth on which the pulp is poured, and the same effect was gained when the cloth passed under the roller.

After the pulp has left the dandy-roll it passes onto a roller covered with felt, and thence over and under several similar rollers and heated cylinders, and is quite dry when its travels through this part of the process are over. After being dried, it is passed between other cylinders which apply the "size" to give it a smooth writing surface,—is dried again, and passed through smooth heavy steel rollers known as "calendering" rollers, to give it the desired polish or gloss.

The paper is manufactured in a continuous strip, often several miles long. After leaving the "calendering" rollers it is cut into the desired sheets, and the rough or "deckle" edges removed, excepting in the case of fine stationery.

Having seen how the paper is manufactured, we are now ready to go into detail concerning the various kinds, as concerning stamp collectors:

Wove paper is the paper most frequently met with, in commerce, and in postage stamp collecting. In making this paper, the "dandy-roll" is covered with a very fine wire gauze, similar to the wire gauze on which the pulp is distributed in its early stages. This paper varies in substance, but essentially it is the same. It is a plain paper and shows no watermark lines excepting the watermark itself. The coarser varieties appear to be watermarked with countless tiny dots.

Examples: The current United States stamps.
This paper.

Laid paper is caused by the "dandy-roll" being covered with wires separated by a space equal to the width of one of the wires. The finished paper appears to be watermarked with parallel lines. When these lines run from the top to the bottom of the stamps, the paper is known as *vertically laid*, and when the lines run across the stamp, the paper is known as *horizontally laid*. If the lines run diagonally across the stamp, the paper is known as *diagonally laid*.

Examples: Vertically laid: Russian 1902-3 issue.
Horizontally laid: Russia 1868-92.

Batonne paper is either wove or laid, with watermark lines showing considerable distance apart, similar to the ruling on a writing tablet. These lines may be crossed, vertical, horizontal, diagonal, straight or wavy. They are caused by wires on the "dandy-roll." If the paper is wove, or the space between the lines is plain, it is called *wove-batonne*. If the space between the lines shows the fine lines of laid paper, it is known as *laid-batonne*. This paper is not in common use.

Examples: Wove-batonne: The 1876 issue of Bavaria might be considered as on this paper.
Laid-batonne: The 1875 issue of Bavaria shows the laid-batonne effect. Also the current 1c and 2c U. S. envelopes.

Quadrille paper appears to be watermarked with small squares or rectangles. It is made by covering the "dandy-roll" with a fine wire net-work.

Examples: France 15c blue, 1892, also some French Colonies.
Djibouti and Somali Coast picture stamps.

Soft or *Porous* paper is wove paper made from a "dandy-roll" with a coarse mesh, giving the paper the appearance of being watermarked with countless tiny dots or pores. This paper is a little thicker and is softer and more spongy to the touch than ordinary wove paper.

Examples: United States 1879 issue printed by American Bank Note Co. also 5c 1882, Garfield.

Hard paper was used by the Continental Bank Note Company in making the United States stamps of 1873, and to distinguish these stamps from those printed on the soft paper by the American Bank Note Company is a problem that bothers nearly all collectors. This hard paper is made with a "dandy-roll" having a very fine mesh, so the paper appears smooth and unwatermarked. Of course, many other stamps beside the United States mentioned above are printed on paper of this nature.

Examples: Continental printing of United States 1873 issue.

In distinguishing the hard paper from the soft in these United States printings let me say that the method of holding the stamp and "crackling" it to *hear* the difference is neither an exact way to separate the stamps, nor is it beneficial for them. The better way is to compare two specimens, for instance the 5c Garfield (which appears only on soft paper) and the 1c or 2c Treasury Department (which are known only on hard paper) by holding them to a strong light and noting the "pores" in the soft paper variety. After having studied these two kinds of paper, the other values should be easy to classify.

Silk-thread paper has one or more *continuous* silk threads in it. This paper, invented by John Dickinson, and known as "Dickinson Silk-thread" paper is not very extensively used. The 1855-62 issues of Switzerland are printed on this paper.

Silk paper is the kind used by the United States Government in the bank notes, and also many of the Revenue stamps. This paper differs from Silk-thread paper in as much as the threads are broken, and in short pieces. Also, the threads are not distributed evenly.

Granite paper contains silk fibres, but so very small in size as to be almost invisible without the aid of a magnifying glass.

Examples: Switzerland 1907 to date.
Austria 1890 to 1902.

Pelure paper is a very thin, hard, wove paper, almost transparent. It is very tough, and "wears" well considering its thinness. It is not used very extensively.

Examples: The 1904 issue of Colombian Republic.

Manila paper is frequently used for stamped wrappers, but I can recall no instance where it is used for stamps. It is a coarse paper made from Manila pulp.

Colored paper can be divided into two classes, *surface colored* and paper colored all the way through. In the latter kind, coloring matter has been mixed with the pulp to give it the hue wanted. In the former, the color is printed on the paper before the stamps are printed.

Examples: Colored all the way through: Most 3d values of England. Surface colored: The new "white backs" of the English Colonies are probably the most prominent examples at present: The Guatemala stamps of 1897.

Blued paper is often made this tint unintentionally, by certain chemical actions, commonly caused by the printing ink of the stamps. This paper is often found among the early British Colonials. The "bluish experimental" paper of the United States caused quite a sensation a few years ago. This latter issue was not caused by the printing, however, but was caused by certain substances in the paper itself.

Examples: Great Britain 1841 issue.

Safety paper is the highly glazed bluish paper used by the English government for the manufacture of the 4d stamps of 1855 and several revenues. By adding prussiate of potash to the pulp, causing the bluish tinge, the paper was rendered so sensitive that any attempt to clean the stamp would cause the design to be removed also.

Example: Great Britain 4d 1855.

Chalk-surfaced or *chalky* paper is in use at the present time by many of the British Colonies. The chalk wash is applied to the paper after manufacture. It presents a highly polished surface, and is a little thicker. This wash is put on as a preventative against cleaning, as any liquid will remove the wash and discolor the stamp at the same time. After a little practice by comparison of two known specimens, this paper can be readily distinguished.

Example: Jamaica current 3d.

Native paper is a very thin, soft paper, made from rice fibre. It was used for many of the early issues of Japan and the Indian States. There are laid and wove varieties. Some of these native papers are thicker than others.

Ribbed paper is very similar to laid and batonne paper. Ribbed paper is thicker, usually, and the lines or "ribs" show very plainly from both sides of the paper, without the use of a watermarked detector, while in the former kinds the lines appear more as a watermark. This paper is made by passing the pulp between rollers with a slightly corrugated surface.

In closing this article, I wish to say that as most of the facts contained herein were gleaned from Mr. Poole's "Beginner's Guide" the credit for this work really belongs to him. Collectors who really care to study their stamps will find this work to be practically the last word on the subject of collecting as far as the general collector is concerned, and at the small charge asked by the publishers of this paper for the book in question, no collector can "go wrong" by investing in it.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. O. S.—The London print of the 5c Confederate (No. 205) differs from the Local print (No. 206) in texture of paper and in impression. The London print is much finer and clearer in impression than the local print, also the paper is slightly finer.

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Upon France, Belgium and Luxembourg, the war came very suddenly, that is, to the people. No doubt the officials had been preparing for eventualities ever since, at least, the murder of the Austrian archduke, but, as a traveler through these countries a few days before the war broke out, I can answer for it that it came upon the ordinary people with not a week's warning.

But that week of uncertainty was enough to try the temper of all. The air was charged with an atmosphere of suspense, especially in the country, where news penetrates more slowly than in Paris. One afternoon I met a company of artillery crossing the bridge on the way to the barracks. It was in Senlis, about 40 miles from Paris. There seemed to be something a little unusual about this company; just what, I did not at first realize. A man nearby said: "That's the way when they mobilize." And then I noticed that all were in war trim. "They're bringing everything to the barracks," said the man. "To march tonight if the order comes. Of course—" catching himself up—"it may be just for drill." The somber line of men, stocky fellows with their red pantaloons tucked in their boots, the somber line of horses, the grim file of cannon, rolled down the village street, over the bridge up the hill. Some women came out of a garden gate and stood, white and frightened, looking at the dark column ominous in its war trim. "C'est comme ca quand on mobilise." ("It's like that when they mobilize.")

That day there were not enough newspapers in town; people tore them from each other. The next day the countryside was in a fever. Men conferred anxiously about getting in the wheat. Women—the older ones—talked of 1870. Younger ones wept. And all this before the order of mobilization was posted. Soon, however, the first spasm passed, and everybody regained control of themselves. A period of calm waiting set in, the gloom being successively intensified by the news of Austria's declaration of war, the German mobilization following the partial Russian mobilization, the German declaration of war on Russia, at last the French mobilization and finally the German declaration against France.

But behind the gloom, in that little city where I spent the night, there was something else, something that has been growing for years. It can be best illustrated by an incident which the hotelkeeper told me of, that occurred a month previous. It was at a "noce de campagne"—one of those wedding gatherings where, better even than at country fairs, one can study the collective peasant mentality.

This was a modernized wedding; there was no fiddler; the guests in citified clothes sang citified songs. Montmartre songs, some of them—at least, what sounded like Montmartre songs and passed for them in the country. Finally, a young peasant rose and sang a song of 1870 about Bazaine's treachery—set to a melancholy chant, such an air as the French "folk" have used for centuries for the singing of their sorrows and tragedies. To an outsider it would have seemed an absurd choice for a wedding. But the peasants listened with hushed attention as if—no, not as if in church. They had laughed and talked in church that morning. To this song about Bazaine, who lost for them Metz, they gave a significant, dead silence, a brooding silence, such a silence as one gives to the recital of humiliations one wants to burn in one's mind—for future use. That night, in the midst of the dinner jollifications, I was told, they asked for the song again.

Things have changed in France since 1870. The cry of "On to Berlin" is no longer heard. They respect their foes too much for that.

In Paris, too, the week before the war, it was a changed Paris, so sober and subdued that it seemed hard to believe it was the same Paris as that which I had left the first of July for a jaunt in Belgium and the Vosges mountains. Up to Saturday, the first day of August, there was just one topic of conversation. "Is it coming—mobilization?" The words were said not boastingly, not sadly, nor yet gaily—just calmly. It seems strange that the French, so ready for noisy demonstration on subjects of less import, should find themselves nearer to

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Then, about four o'clock on Saturday, was posted the order of mobilization. It was hand written on a huge piece of paper; there was no time for printing. There was no need either for many words. It was all in two lines: "Order of extreme urgency. First day of mobilization, Sunday, August 2." That was all. It was enough, for each reservist, following the wonderful system in vogue had known ever since he left the active army, just what day, what train, and what hour he was to go in case of mobilization, and to which barracks he was to go to get his gun and uniform.

"What day do you go?" It was the question you heard whenever men below 50 years of age were gathered together. Some had to leave, of course, at once. Chauffeurs were hurrying their cars to the garages. "I rejoin at Toul on the first day," said the telephonist at my hotel. Toul—right on the frontier. Life has abrupt changes for men of a continental nation; to be working a telephone one day, and perhaps a few hours later, to be right in the thick of the most desperate battle of nations since history began.

One's acquaintances began to take on a romantic interest of which they would have seemed hardly worthy a week ago. The head waiter over there will be a sergeant, giving orders instead of taking them. One has a sudden consciousness of one's inferiority among these people who are so ready to take their places as parts of the vast fighting machine, coupled with a vague feeling of resentment that all this time they have been leading double lives. Who would have dreamed for instance, that that tall young man in the barber shop is really a cuirassier and will very likely be charging about in a gleaming breastplate, flourishing a heavy sabre to cut off heads instead of trimming them?

These things seem unreal, impossible of occurrence in such a highly refined civilization as that in which we are supposed to be living. If anyone had said in the beginning of July that a month later in Paris no subways or omnibuses would be running, that the cafes would close at eight o'clock, that the grand boulevards — the world's promenade ground—would be deserted after dark, that half the stores and more than half the hotels would be closed, one would have replied that only a universal cataclysm could have produced such a revolution in the life of Paris which everyone loves so well.

And if Paris has so suffered and changed, what shall be said of the region which, unwittingly and so undeservedly has become the theater of warfare? Coming down through Belgium, Luxembourg and Alsace to Metz and Nancy, I was but a week in advance of the German armies. Ostend, though not so lively now as in the days of Leopold II, being still the favorite watering place of Europe, was thronged with a cosmopolitan crowd; Bruges and Ghent, which the Germans may or may not have spared, were still dreaming along their canals and sleepy waterways; Antwerp and Brussels, the busy marts of commerce, were celebrating the Belgian Fourth of July by a great military review, and I saw King Albert, a tall, handsome figure on horseback, at the head of his troops. Liege, being almost a purely commercial city, does not attract tourists as do the other Flemish towns, but it will do so henceforth, and travelers will flock to pay honor to that heroic defense. Namur, which I saw smiling in the freshness of a July morning, has a splendid location on the Meuse. A further descent of the Meuse will bring the traveler to French territory not far from Sedan, where I was on the fourteenth of July, the French national holiday. Two miles from Sedan is the village of Bazeilles, where the remains of the disaster speak vividly of the horrors of war. At Bazeilles is the "house of the last cartridge," the ruins of which still stand, a monument to a French detachment which there perished to a man.

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, adjoining Belgium on the south, France on the east, and Germany on the west, was the first to suffer in the present conflict. Nature fashioned this romantic and picturesque country in a moment of happy inspiration, and nowhere in such small territory is such a pleasing variety of beautiful landscapes. The southern part of the country consists of softly undulating wood and meadow lands, offering a sharp contrast to the bold and rugged contours of the northern highlands. The whole country is but half the size of New Jersey; its army consists of 500 gendarmes, and the ruler is the Grand Duchess Adelaide, a girl of 20 years. The independence of the country has been guaranteed by a treaty of the powers, the signatories to which included, of course, Germany.

The City of Luxembourg occupies one of the most picturesque natural sites of any town in Europe. Perched on the top of an enormous rocky mass that falls away in sheer precipices on three sides to the river beneath, it is surrounded on all sides by the remains of massive fortifications, eloquent testimony to its past greatness. The deep and narrow valley is bridged over by two imposing, many arched viaducts, and by the new Adolph bridge, a masterpiece of engineering containing the largest stone arch in the world.

The wildest part of the miniature country is to be found about the village of Vianden, which boasts a castle famed as one of the finest specimens of medieval architecture. High above the houses, on an enormous isolated rock, tower the stately walls of the castle—eagle's nest brooding destruction over the entire valley. On every hand mountains stand sentinel, between whose rugged flanks the river, Our winds its way in graceful curves to join the Meuse. The view from the ivy-crowned battlements down to the village nestling below, and beyond up and down the valley until the river is lost to sight, is one of impressive grandeur and takes one back to the stormy days of the proud race that reared this mighty pile, which is quite as interesting in its romantic decay as it would be if restored.

From Luxembourg City it is a short run down to Metz, essentially a military town. Its position is one of the highest strategic importance, and though a small place in itself, its garrison seems to be half the city in population. The special attraction for the writer was a visit to the battlefields of 1870. Gravelotte, Mars-la-Tour, Vionville, and the other sanguinary engagements around Metz. The frontier! The same race, the same land, practically the same wheat field—but different countries. This countryman over there, plowing his fields, is a German and will have to fight against that other farmer a few rods away; both have a common language, French; both have common traditions, French. But when the telegraph clicks, one puts on his red trousers and kepi, the other his helmet and gray uniform. Such is war!

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by a chain of forts on the border. From a historical point of view Nancy is one of the most interesting of French cities. The history of Lorraine and of the great Lorrainer Stanislas, king of Poland, is memoralized as is that of no other region of the country in any other French city. Nancy has a population of about 100,000, about 30,000 more than Metz. Of this population, the garrison forms about a quarter part. I was talking with a non-commissioned officer in a cafe and told him something of Buffalo, how I, too, lived in a frontier city, with a population of nearly five times as great as that of Nancy, but that the garrison consisted of less than 500 men. He refused to take me seriously. America has much to be thankful for in her splendid isolation.

As for the war itself, what to say? No American tourist this summer has seen, or will see, anything of the actual fighting. Even the war correspondents are finding things made so hard for them that much of what they report must be chiefly hearsay. There never was such a strict censorship of news. Authentic news on the German side is hard to obtain on account of the cutting of the cables; on the French and English side, good information is hardly less difficult to receive because of the strictness of the authorities. The French have profited by the lessons of 1870, when the loss of the battle of Woerth was attributed by the war office to a Paris paper, *Le Petit Parisien,* which published advance information of the French movements and German spies in Paris succeeded in smuggling the paper through to their staff officers.

The English officers whom I saw in Havre while we were waiting for the steamer to sail, seemed to think the conflict would be a long and stubborn one. The hopes of one of them seemed to rest largely on Italy's action. If she could be induced to abandon her allies, or even to threaten to do so, she would, said the officer, throw the scale in favor of the Triple Entente, for such action would necessitate the entire attention of Austria and deprive Germany of the help of the several Austrian army corps now engaged, apparently in Alsace.

The reception accorded the British troopers on their arrival in Havre was indeed something to remember. Transport after transport made its way up the harbor, crowded to the rails with kahki clad men who returned the French greetings with quite as much noise. Some of the expeditionary corps were fresh from Egypt, tanned by the tropical sun and in the pink of condition. Most of the French officers spoke English, since they are obliged to learn it if they serve in the north of France, in the same way as French officers serving on the German, Italian and Spanish borders must learn the languages of those countries. Hence the disembarkment was effected under French orders, with a minimum of confusion. Twenty thousand British troops landed in Havre, the rest of the army being disembarked at Boulogne, Cherbourg, Dunkerque, and Ostend, 150,000 in all.

As, finally, the French liner carrying the stranded American tourists steamed proudly out of Havre, to the salute of every boat in the roadstead and the cheers of the townspeople, the last sight which we glimpsed on shore was one French infantryman between two English soldiers, their arms about each other—symbol of not only alliance but friendship, all the firmer for the differences which have made them enemies in the past.—*Buffalo News.*

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MELVILLE'S WAR CHAT.

(Continued from page 318.)

A Ship's Crew on Strike.—An enterprising Danish fisherman who had a motor attached to his vessel, offered to take the Editor and five others across for 2,000 kroner (not much short of £120) per head. His plan was to sail north keeping close to the Danish and Norwegian coasts and then to cut across to Aberdeen or some other northern port in Britain. But every now and then there was a fresh rumor of an intended sailing by the United Shipping Co. of one of the regular steamers, and the extravagant and adventurous offers were set aside. The intention to reopen the route was due to the Danish butter merchants guaranteeing the war risks, but the Company had reckoned without the sailors who went on strike, demanding double pay, and heavy compensation to be paid to their wives or families if they came not home again.

German Reign of Terror.—The Danes, of course, were all kindness and consideration for the Britishers and the stay in Esbjerg was made as comfortable and pleasant as was possible in the circumstances. Here many who had suffered persecution and brutality at the hands of the German military in the passage to the frontier found a haven of rest and freedom from the terrors of the German regime. Nearly all who came from Germany lost all their luggage, and most of their money. Two English schoolgirls had been five days and nights without rest or sleep, in the clothes they stood up in, having had to leave their luggage through sheer inability to carry it along with them. They had been shut up in railway carriages, fourteen in one carriage, and a sentry at each door, with the windows closed and the blinds drawn. From the roofs of the carriages, suspended so high as to be out of reach little grotesque effigies of the monarchs of Britain and Russia were dangled to tantalise them. One of the girls had 2 kroner (2s 2d) in her possession when she reached Esbjerg.

A German Officer—and a Gentleman!—One and only one instance of decent treatment from the Germans was narrated to our Editor. A small party of young fellows returning from business in Germany, and girls returning from schools in that country had been arrested several times on their way, and often treated roughly. But at Rendsburg, a young German officer was so considerate and helpful to them that the boys lifted him shoulder high and carried him around to the shouting of "For he's a jolly good fellow." Let us hope that this experience of one small party of British refugees is not altogether an unique one.

Home at Last!—It was not until Sunday, August 9, the day on which it had been intended to open the Cassel International Philatelic Exhibition, that terms were arranged with the crew, and after many delays, much struggling, and many formalities, the bulk of the Britishers in Esbjerg got away in the steamer *A. P. Bernstorff* and after a calm and quiet, uneventful passage were escorted by a British torpedo boat into Harwich in the small hours of Tuesday morning, August 11. The Editor was amongst the crowd, and reached home just in time. His deputy, Mr. L. W. Crouch, who is an officer in the Territorials, had left the previous day under orders with the colours.—*Postage Stamp.*

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

At Indianapolis—The philatelic convention season so far as the national societies are concerned was closed for the year by the annual meeting of the Southern Philatelic Association at Indianapolis on September 8th and 9th. The growth of the Southern Philatelic Association during the past year has been strikingly rapid and now a membership of seven hundred has been reached. Indeed, the strides with which the association has been advancing have been so great that there has been a disposition on the part of some members to express a preference for a name for the organization that would afford fuller scope for growth on national lines. However, so long as the name, Southern Philatelic Association, is the one under which the association has achieved its present numerical standing, the sentiment of the members prevented any change in name in view of the fact that there is no restriction affecting the residence of members in any part of the world. The question of change of name was signally defeated.

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New Constitution—The constitution of the Southern Philatelic Association was designed for an organization by no means the size of the present body and in the light of today, it is obsolescent and defective. The officers and others were aware of the limitations of the present code and so, the most important committee appointed at the convention was that on constitution. In presenting its report, the committee submitted an entirely new constitution and it was approved section by section on the floor and only in a few instances were the recommendations rejected or changed. The result is that a wholly new code of laws for the government of the Southern Philatelic Association is in force and we consider this constitution which in great part was the work of Albert E. Gorham, LL. B., LL. M., Washington, an admirable example of constitutional codification. The provisions of the new constitution will dismiss the element of doubt that attended the interpretation of many of the working laws of the old constitution. Under the new regulations the affairs of the association should be administered much better than before and danger of contention such as prevailed during the recent campaign will be removed to a large extent. We may observe here that the clouds that showed on the horizon before the convention while lowering at times were soon dispelled by considerate measures employed by those whose opinions were opposing ones.

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Special Stamps Wanted—The work of the Southern Philatelic Association convention was chiefly in the nature of internal improvement but a resolution endorsing the proposal in the following letter was endorsed: "Honorable John W. Kern, Senator, Washington, D. C. Dear Sir:—In anticipation of the centennial of Indiana as a State, in 1916, the Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution in annual meeting assembled, decided to request our representatives in Congress to confer with the proper authorities relative to an issue of postage stamps to be used by post offices in Indiana for a period of time during the Centennial year. It was suggested that the stamps be of larger size than usual and that for the one cent stamp a picture of the Soldiers' Monument with the name, Indianapolis, be shown. For the two cent stamp, the outlines of the State of Indiana showing the location and name of the three capitals, Vincennes, Corydon and Indianapolis, have been recommended. For the five cent stamp the outlines of the State of Indiana, showing the location and names of the five largest cities, to wit: Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Evansville, Terre Haute and South Bend are desired. For the ten cent, the outlines of the State of Indiana with the location and name of Indianapolis, showing the many steam and electric roads radiating in all directions are suggested. As this is to be an Indiana celebration, the citizens of the state are especially interested in the above suggestions, if for no other reason than if carried into effect the same would be an excellent advertising medium. It is the hope of this society and of a great many business men that our representatives in Congress will leave no stone unturned to carry out their wishes in this matter. Very truly yours, (Signed) Theo. Stein, Sr." It was suggested that members of the Southern Philatelic Association ask business men everywhere to send similar letters to their representatives in Congress.

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Revenue Tax—The plans of Congress to meet the deficiency in the nation's customs receipts that are reported to be under consideration are of different kinds but we are told that a stamp tax on checks, documents and other paper is not likely to be acted upon favorably, the intention being to avoid any embarrassment to ordinary business procedure.

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Seizures—The occupation of Upolu, the island on which Apia, the capital of German Samoa is located took place on August 29th by a detachment of troops from New Zealand. The governor and other officials were taken in charge. An Associated Press despatch says that the British fleet has occupied the seat of government of the German Bismarck archipelago and the Solomon Islands. The area of the archipelago is given as 18,000 square miles and is off the north coast of Australia and southeast of the Philippines.

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Green—A letter from Guatemala has just been handed us bearing a block of four, among other stamps of the "1913 Seis Centavos" surcharge in green instead of black.

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Little Effect—From the International Stamp Company, the inquiry has been received: "Will you please advise on the attached card if very many stamps have come on the Chicago market due to conditions arising out of the war." The answer was made that the number of stamps coming on the market at this time in Chicago is practically the same as in former years at the beginning of a season; and that thus far, war conditions have caused no abnormal movement in that city.

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Massachusetts Transfer Tax—From Mr. William T. Kimball, Lawrence, Massachusetts, we have received the text of "An Act to provide for the Taxation of transfers of stock," to be found on pages 668 to 671 inclusive of the Massachusetts "Acts of 1914." This legislation was approved July 7, 1914, and the act provides for adhesive stamps for the purpose of paying the excise in such denominations as the tax commissioner may prescribe. In another column we shall give excerpts from the act under notice.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—W. F. Slusser makes a report upon J. Davis, who was recently advertised in the WEEKLY as securing approval selections and making no returns thereon. The San Francisco P. O. Inspector states that Davis is a boy of thirteen years and that settlement will be effected for all approval lots sent him.

—Henry Woelfel, a valued subscriber, wants to know why some dealer does not advertise used English stamps of the present issue, including the high values. Also old plate numbers on U. S. 1878 to 1884. Can some dealer accommodate him?

—J. E. Handshaw writes us from Stockholm under date of July 27. We quote from his card, "This is a fine city. We have visited Rotterdam, Hamburg, Copenhagen and Christiania and expect to go to London soon."

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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from C. F. Osborn (5), Dr. Justus Sinexon, Chas. M. Breder, E. A. Colson, Jos. W. Beggs (8).

—J. A. Galbraith of N. Y. C. called at the WEEKLY office Monday, Sept. 14.

—Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* has been compelled to temporarily discontinue publication on account of the war.

—"I think it would be wise to warn collectors that the 2nd issue of Sonora is again on sale in the Northern section. This is on account of the new Revolution under Governor Maytorena. The Magdalena P. M. skipped to the American side with all the "Denver" issue. Since then the office has been reopened, and the 2nd issue (green seal) has been put on sale. Whether this is a reissue or a new printing, I am unable to say."—A. C. ROESSLER.

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The reports of officers were read and accepted and the address of the president, C. W. Kissinger follows:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Members of the S. P. A.:—

We are again assembled in convention to discuss the best method for our advancement for the following year. I am glad to notice that the lively spirit displayed in the welfare of the association since we have assembled shows that the interest is greater than ever. In fact, so much interest has been shown during the last four or five months that I feel safe in saying that the following year will be one of our brighest.

Another year has passed into history since our last Convention, and it again becomes my privilege to bid you all a hearty welcome. I hope that each member will endeavor to do his share of this work so that every stamp collector will realize the importance of belonging to a Society. At all times there is one fact that should be remembered and which I cannot impress upon you too forcibly; i. e., unless each member will do his or her part, all such undertakings are sure to prove abortive; no matter how willing your officers may be they are sure to become discouraged unless they receive the aid and coöperation of the members at large. Furthermore, our old adage, "In union there is strength," should not be lost sight of, as no truer words were ever written.

Nearly everybody collects stamps now-a-days; it has grown to be an enormous business, and young and old seem to be alike fascinated with it. Once a person becomes interested in the collection of a few stamps, he soon becomes familiarly acquainted with advantages of different countries as well as geographical locations and the study of lives and characters of the different countries' rulers. This is an agreeable as well as instructive occupation and refreshes the mind very much after all other elements that enter into our busy life have failed. It puts us in close touch with the world, and at this particular time, when all our foreign countries are fighting for that one thing that seems to mean so much to them, I believe we have learned just what educational influence it awakens. All these disputes will be recorded in history, and this war, will, I believe, make the United States the most powerful nation in this world. Following the successful termination of our own slight unpleasantness with Mexico, the European countries became estranged—and in consequence, I believe, they will become republics.

It would not detain you long to present for your consideration a brief summary of the events which make up the history of our Association for the past year. No very marked occurrences have characterized it, no exciting contentions or discussions have interrupted our way, with the exception of the last few months, when certain matters have perhaps drawn a cloud over the heretofore almost perfect sky. Our affairs have been faithfully managed, I think you will admit, and we may rightfully rejoice in the large measure of prosperity that has fallen to the lot of the S. P. A.

The detailed reports of our various officers will afford you the best means of judging for yourselves as to what has been accomplished with the Society and what has been rightly and what unwisely done. We can scarcely dwell too often on the thought that among the chief of the benefits of our Association is the mere fact of its existence.

In conclusion, I cannot refrain from again expressing my thanks and appreciation to the Officers of our Society, who have coöperated with me to make the passing year one of the most active in the history of the Society. Not that we have had no work to do; not that complaints against members have been fewer, not that the troubles have been any less, but the vigor with which each officer went at things made it a most successful one.

Our most worthy Secretary has always been very prompt, and had it not been for his coöperation I fear that I should sometimes have been found lacking; he was always ready to help me with anything that I suggested that was for the benefit of the organization. As Treasurer he has always handled the funds of the Society in an entirely satisfactory manner, and whether we owe our credit balance to his services, I leave to his

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reports. He has done a lot for the Society; he willingly and unstintedly gave of time and money, only thinking of the best interests of the Society.

Our Trustees have always been on the job, likewise the other different departments, and I wish to thank them heartily for the coöperation they have given me in the past, and hope to continue with their coöperation.

I fear that our Library is sadly in need of repair, and hope that we may soon have one that we can be proud of. I believe if our members should look over their own personal libraries, they might find something of which they had an extra copy, or which they had finished with, and would be glad to send us such editions. Any such copies or editions would be appreciated by our Librarian. I received from Fred J. Melville, a noted English collector, a book edited by himself and entitled, "All About Stamps," which will be turned over to the Library.

Last of all, we must express our gratitude to the Committee on Arrangements, who have endeavored to give each of us a most enjoyable time, and I am sure that, after the close of the Convention we will feel indebted to their hospitality.

It may seem to some of our members that at times I did not have the interest of the Society wholly at heart. In answer to this, allow me to say that I ALWAYS have worked for the Society's interest and I am proud to say that we have accomplished quite a bit during our term of office.

I am pleased to welcome those present and regret that the only way I can extend my fraternal greetings to the members who could not attend, is through this report.

Fraternally yours.
C. W. KISSINGER, Pres.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, C. V. Webb, showed a wonderful growth numerically in the association during the past year and the figures submitted indicated that the financial situation was secure.

The report of the committee on credentials which had been awaited with much interest because of the political activity shown in the campaign was received after the standing committees had been appointed. Upon the conclusion of the report, it was decided that consideration of it be deferred until the afternoon session.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2 P. M., after a group picture of the delegates had been taken on a flight of steps leading to the Soldiers' Monument. The report of the committee on credentials as read by Mr. Pond, chairman, was divided into three sections; the first concerned a protest against the legality of the election; the second part submitted the numbers of ballots that in the opinion of the committee were valid ones and the third, those ballots which in the estimation of the committee were irregular and technically rejected. The proxy count showed that the president and secretary and their friends were the large holders and held the balance of power.

The debate on the report in so far as it involved the ballots was a somewhat lengthy one that at times became spirited and after the subject had been viewed from different angles, the following equitable arrangement was agreed upon: In view of the fact that the poll of the ballots both valid and invalid, so-called, resulted in no change in result except in the case of the office of exchange manager, it was decided that a special election should be held whereby the members could vote for either Mr. Wallis or Mr. Aldrich, the two candidates for the office of exchange manager. The "valid" ballots showed the election of Mr. Wallis while the "invalid" ballots returned Mr. Aldrich the winner by a large majority. The decision was a compromise measure made in the desire to conserve the welfare of the association and it will work hardship on neither candidate as under the supplementary election there will be no cloud on the title.

The reports of committees were received at this session and regularly disposed of. An address of welcome to the visitors was made by Mr. Harris, the president of the Indianapolis Branch of the Southern Philatelic Association and was warmly applauded.

WEDNESDAY.

The report of the committee on constitution engaged the attention of the members all morning and progress was made in approving the provisions of the new constitution. Finally, the work was adopted as a whole and the association may now rejoice in its possession of a new set of laws which read admirably, we should say. Further committee reports were received and accepted and various questions of policy were discussed.

The fourth and last session was given over to the reading of the constitution and polishing off any rough edges until well along in the day. The protest which had been registered previously attacking the legality of the election and condemning the conduct of the secretary who had made the *amende honorable* some time before was withdrawn.

The office of secretary-treasurer was separated into two offices, that of secretary and treasurer respectively; and Erwin L. Fischer of Cincinnati was elected to the office of treasurer. It is needless to say that C. W. Kissinger and C. V. Webb had been elected president and secretary, respectively, previously on the general ballot. Among the other officers elected was W. R. Ricketts as librarian; and it is a source of congratulation to the association that Mr. Ricketts accepted the office. Fair allowances were made to the secretary and other officers who receive some remuneration for their work.

The place of next convention was decided in favor of Reading, Pa., in competition with San Antonio, Texas, Los Angeles, California, and Philadelphia, Pa. Reading was an easy winner amid much enthusiasm. After a vote of thanks to the Indianapolis members for their hospitality, the convention adjourned *sine die* on motion of Mr. Fowler.

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UNITED STATES.—R. W. Boisselier submits a block of the current 8c stamps, with a decided yellow shade, instead of the deep olive usually seen. The difference is quite pronounced.

AUSTRALIA.—We should have stated last week that the 1d King George shown us by W. T. Wilson was the new printing from electrotype plates, instead of from engraved plates like the first printings. The appearance is cheap and unsatisfactory, the finer parts of the engraving muddy and the whole stamp far inferior to former issues. If the Kangaroo design was not strikingly handsome, it had the merit of being simple and the engraving lent itself to the process of surface printing. Whitfield King & Co. have also shown us the new stamp.

Ewen's Weekly collates some interesting information from various Australian papers regarding stamp matters in the Commonwealth. The *Melbourne Age* says that the new 1d King's Head plates and dies were made by Perkins, Bacon & Co., London. Treasury officials claim that the stamps printed by the electrotype process "are as good, if not better, than those printed by the more expensive steel engraved system." It is intended to print 1,000,000 2d King's Head stamps, 1,000,000 6d stamps with the Kookaburra and 1,000,000 1sh stamps with the black swan as the principal feature.

According to a correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly*, the electrotyped 1d stamps were issued in Melbourne July 17. The "effect is poor and infinitely inferior to former steel emission. There is too much colour (Kangaroo and Emu are now in solid colour instead of shaded), and there is not enough relief in the *new* plate. What a blotch of colour it may become when worn. The new copy is full of minor differences from original, but the outstanding one is that the words 'Australia' and 'Postage,' and the numerals are now considerably smaller. These are printed in sheets of 120 in two panes of 60 (6 x 10) as in Kangaroo. Perforation is by single cutters; there are four minute dots of colour off corners of each, four frames to guide this operation, yet it seems impossible to obtain a well centred sheet, perhaps because there is too much space horizontally between rows of stamps and not enough vertically."

The Melbourne *Argus* says regarding the new stamps:

The design for the new 2d stamps has been approved by Postmaster-General Wynne, and the work of printing the first million will be put in hand at once. The new stamp is to be mauve in colour, and its only adornment will be the head of the King, without any flora or fauna on the margins. Secretary to the Treasury Allen stated that the first of the new stamps would be struck from steel plates by the Federal note printer, but as soon as possible dies would be cut in England so that the cheaper electro process might be substituted. Mr. Allen described the new design as "charming in its simplicity, and one of the nicest we have had yet."

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—Hermann Focke reports having received the ½d and 1d values in the "Postage & Revenue" type, and the 3d and 11d values in the "Postage—Postage" type of King George. All the rest of the set is still coming in the Canoe design of 1909.

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FIJI ISLANDS.—The Postmaster at Suva, under date of July 30, while sending the new 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d and 6d stamps with head of King George, informs Mr. Focke that all the King Edward stamps have been withdrawn and are no longer in issue.

FRANCE.—Whitfield King & Co. have also shown us the new Red Cross 10c + 5c stamp, as noted last week. This stamp was placed on sale August 25.

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS.—In a consignment received from these Protectorates Mr. Focke finds the 2d and 2½d of the Pandanus type, and the P.M. informs him that these two values have not as yet appeared with head of King George.

HAYTI.—In a recent letter, Hermann Focke writes:

"You have not heard from me for sometime, owing principally to the fact that no news worth printing has come in, and furthermore the European calamity has to a certain extent 'knocked the gum out of me' and I have little or no inclination to occupy my mind with other things, however wholesome it would be to distract my thoughts for a time at least. Still, today, I can send you a few Haytian provisionals of the issue of February 7, and I believe that these comprise the entire issue of surcharged new values. MEKEEL'S has already chronicled the 1 cent on 50c yellow and must now add the 1 cent on 50c red; 1 cent on 1 piastre purple and 1 cent on 1 piastre claret; Scott's types A19 and A27 of 1906 and 1912. I also enclose the 7 cent on 20c orange red and 7 cent on 50c claret, Scott's A18 of 1904; the latter two provisionals are for domestic postage, in the Gourde currency which is about 25c gold to the Gourde, whereas the piastre represents the U. S. gold dollar."

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HONDURAS.—Allan Greeley also reports the "10 cent" on 50c rose of 1913, as chronicled in No. 1236.

MEXICO.—Frank B. Eldredge has shown us a curious cover from Torreon, Mexico, recently received in the mail in Attleboro, Mass. The foundation is the 5c orange Hidalgo envelope of 1910. This has "Gobierno Constitucionalista" across the left end, reading up. There is also on the cover a 5c stamp of the Denver issue and a Mexican 10c postage due stamp of 1908. The latter has been surcharged "Gobierno Constitucionalista" in small type, diagonally, reading up, and used for regular postage. This came through by registered mail, though why it was not rated up for additional postage by the United States officials is not clear.

It may interest collectors to know that the new Constitutionalist stamps are not accepted in payment of international postage, writes Hermann Focke, but are affixed to letters as a sort of Surtax. Several letters received from strictly Constitutional territory with only the Denver, etc., labels, had to pay postage due here. It is true that some such letters have escaped the watchful eyes of the proper authorities and have been delivered free of extra charge, but "collectors should, for the present at least, be careful with the revolutionary moneymakers."

NEW ZEALAND.—A correspondent writes to the *Postage Stamp* that the delay in issuing the new Georgian set is caused by the disapproval of the Postmaster-General, and the die has been returned to England for alteration. As the die must be sent to Wellington and back to England again it will be at least some months before the set can be printed and issued, probably the issue cannot now take place before Christmas.

NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke reports having seen the ½c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c and 25c values of the new issue, reported quite a while ago.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—The Sterling Stamp Co. submits the 4p dark blue stamp on the paper with single-lined watermark, as noted some time since. This stamp is now being issued in the regular way, and completes the set on the new paper.

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S. P. A. PERSONALS.

The Indianapolis members were untiring in their attentions to the visitors and pleasant recollections of the personal side of the conventions are a memento of the delegates. The Indiana capital was inviting in appearance and the streets were enlivened by crowds, a part of which were attracted by the State Fair. The badges of the two dozen delegates to the convention were not inconspicuous in the lobbies of the Claypool Hotel, however, and on the bulletin board of the hotel the time and place of the philatelic meeting were listed.

Monday night found a number of visitors present and the local men lost no time in seeking them out. Tuesday at 1.30 P. M., the group picture was taken but the negative was defective and so, a second photograph was posed for at 4.30 P. M., this time with successful results. In the evening a house party at the home of Mr. E. T. Wallis at Irvington was a most enjoyable occasion. There were music, cards, stamps and refreshments in abundance, Mr. and Mrs. Wallis were delightful entertainers and the evening indeed was a merry one.

On Wednesday night the Indianapolis members gave a banquet to the visitors in Parlor K of the hotel which was followed by an auction sale at which many good stamps were disposed of by Henry Ades Fowler, the impromptu auctioneer.

President Harris of the Indianapolis Branch had his auto at the convenience of guests and he was a wizard at the wheel. He safely conducted fourteen of the stamp folks to the hotel from Mr. Wallis' home in Irvington and his auto protested only to the extent of a low moan or two and a suppressed groan now and then, so seductively did he cajole his car.

Mr. C. L. Pond worked on the committee on credentials until his last drop of perspiration had oozed away. The ballots and proxies were counted and then the report had to be presented in a way not to offend the most fastidious. Mr. Pond qualified as a diplomat under all emergencies and exigencies.

Mr. Eben S. Martin was keen in debate and entered earnestly into the proceedings. He had certain things in mind and he felt that they were better left said than unsaid.

Every now and then President Kissinger felt the restraints of his dignified position and called the Vice President pro tem, Mr. Severn, to the chair so as to work off his enthusiasm in the well-known few remarks.

Secretary Webb's conduct at the convention was impeccable and he filled his difficult role to the utmost satisfaction. He made friends by his tactful course, we are sure.

We all felt better after the earnest prayer of the Rev. Willis D. Engle and it is the first time on record we believe that a stamp convention was opened under such inspiring circumstances.

Mr. Erwin L. Fischer gained the confidence of members so completely that they turned over their money to him gladly. The new chancellor of the exchequer showed some of the Indianapolis men how he fills the treasury when it runs low.

Will nothing make Mr. L. T. Brodstone unhappy? He was all smiles before and after his paper was almost unanimously chosen as official journal for another year. He probably knew that he had a sure thing.

Mr. Henry Ades Fowler was the handy man of the convention. He worked and he played and his voice was always at its best. As an auctioneer he kept the crowd in a good humor, while he airily extracted its coin.

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Mr. Albert E. Gorham, the expounder of the constitution was a valuable addition to the gathering and as a parliamentarian his aptitude made an impression. The manner in which he poured oil on the troubled waters would cause John D. to chortle with glee.

Then there were others—and as for the Indianapolis lot, the cataloguer would describe them as fine specimens and an ornament to any collection.

WAR STAMPS WE MAY EXPECT.

The first notice of special war stamps in connection with the titanic struggle now progressing on the Continent was contained in a recent issue of this journal, where it was stated that: "We learn from an authoritative source that the French Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, M. Thomson, has authorised the issue of a particular postage stamp of the value of 15 centimes to be available for inland postage only, the extra five centimes being handed over to the Red Cross Funds."

This, therefore, is the first philatelic product of the Great War. "From where," we may well ask, "will the next war stamp (or stamps) emanate?"

In attempting to answer a question of this sort one must turn to the past philatelic histories of the combatants involved and base one's theories upon such history. At the present moment no country is more in the public eye than Belgium, and so it is to this kingdom that we look for the first signs of War depicted on stamps.

That the Belgians believe in issuing special stamps for a good purpose is clearly shown by the 1910 Brussels Exhibition issue which were sold at double face; the proceeds being devoted to charity.

What, therefore, could be more natural than that the Belgians should issue a series of War stamps to celebrate the part they have played in the War of Wars—and incidentally to help and support all those homes deprived of everything that is dear to them.

To turn to the more Eastern theatre of operations, it is by no means improbable that Russia may, sooner or later, provide us with a new series which might serve the same cause as the well-known 1905 Charity War Stamps. It is true that under normal circumstances we philatelists eye the issue of commemoratives—or "unnecessary issues," as we term them—with contempt. But a stamp or issue produced to raise money for a good and great cause cannot be regarded in the same light, more especially is this the case at present, when enormous sums of money will be—and are—required to help all those made homeless and destitute through the cruel ravages of War.

Should Servia overrun Bosnia, the land of the "million perfs" may open a new page in our albums—but all must be (at the best) wild conjecture for some time to come. Quite apart from actual special war issues—including new Togoland stamps?—there will certainly be some interesting Field Post Office covers and postmarks brought out.—*Stamp Collecting.*

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING BLANK ALBUMS.

As new stamps are issued, collectors often wonder where to put them since there are no printed spaces for them in their albums. In too many cases the new stamps find places on the margin of the page, thus spoiling the effect of the entire sheet. Sometimes, too, the collector artistically or otherwise rules spaces for the stamps, usually with poor results, from point of beauty. The same remarks apply to the oddities, shades, etc. that accumulate in every collection.

To overcome these faults, the writer would suggest that every collector equip himself with a blank album to use in addition to his printed book. These albums may be obtained from a few cents up to several dollars, according to the desires of the collector. Later, too, when the collection has passed the "infant" stage and is quite large, or is to be specialized, the collector will find it necessary to mount it in blank albums, as the printed albums are not at all satisfactory for large collections where any attempt at specializing or including pairs, blocks, shades, or minor varieties is made.

The writer has had quite a little experience with blank albums of various kinds, and uses them entirely at the present time. A very nice album can be made by purchasing some quadrille ruled paper and a loose leaf binder from almost any stationer. It is quite essential that the album be loose leaf, for the difference in cost is very slight, and the extra convenience is worth the difference many times.. In fact, a bound album is almost out of the question if any attempt at decorating is to be made. In Chicago, is possible to purchase a very neat oth bound ring binder in various sizes r from 25c to 50c. The same in leath- is very much higher priced, but is ier, of course. The paper can be ob- ained for about 50c a package.

For new issues, an album size 7½ by ½ is quite suitable. This accommo- ates a page size 6 by 9. A page of this ze is just right for a single set of amps, or several short sets. The quad- lle or "squared" paper is the best to se, in the writer's opinion, as the quares aid materially in placing the amps in straight lines, with even spac- g. These two features are absolutely ssential in designing an artistic page. lothing spoils the effect of a page so much as a row of stamps mounted at any distance whatever, without regard for uniformity, or in a crooked line.

In mounting your stamps, avoid crowding them. Wherever possible, allow two or three squares between the stamps. Also, it is a good idea to allow the same number of spaces between rows as between stamps. In designing the pages, do not mount your stamps in row after row, like this:

1 2 3 4 5 6
7 8 9 1 2 3
4 5 6 7 8 9

Instead, space them in lines of different lengths, making more of a variety in the album, for instance:

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      1 2 3                 1 2 3
4 5 6 7 8 9           4 5 6 7 8 9
1 2 3 4 5 6           1 2 3 4 5 6
      7 8 9                 1 2 3
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Many artistic patterns can be worked out with a little careful study, and will make the book even more beautiful and interesting than a printed album.

In planning an album page, the only way to do is to work out different designs with the stamps until one is found that is satisfactory. A design that may look well with one set will not be suitable for another.

As a help in finding spacings quickly, a scale may be made by using a sheet of the squared paper. After mounting this sheet on a piece of stiff pasteboard, rule a number of lines below each other, making the first one one square in length, the second two squares, and so on, up to eight or ten. A little experience with this scale will enable one to find the required distance readily without the work of counting the squares. Also, the various distances may be counted off on one side of the paper, near the edge, ruling one square in length first, two squares next, etc. It is advisable to number these lengths.

The matter of lettering and designing a blank album is largely up to the collector. If he is a good draughtsman, he should experience little trouble, and should get much enjoyment from the work. If the collector intends to go into this work to any extent, he should purchase a ruling pen, dividers or compass, drawing ink (black, is best, though red or other colors may be used for initials, etc.) drawing pencil of medium hardness to erase easily, a short rule with metal edge, a good ink eraser, and a "clean-up" eraser. This equipment looks rather extensive in print, but does not cost a great deal. Also, if the collector is not versed in drawing, a book of alphabets will prove its worth many times over. These books cost from 50c up, but are very handy for any sort of designing. The question of what style pen to use should be settled by the artist. Personally, I find it best to use several pens, according to the style of letters I wish to make.

In lettering the pages, work for uniformity. Use the same style of lettering throughout the book. In my collection, I use plain block letters slightly less than one-eighth inch in height. Avoid making your letters too large. When possible, I work on a line of the ruling, of the paper. This necessitates only one pencil ruling for a guide line. I ink in my letters free hand, but would not suggest this until the artist has practiced this work a little. After a little experience, he will find it easy to letter the pages, and will find that it makes a neater job if the pencil lettering is dispensed with. However, *rule your guide line!* A mark or variation of the size of a pin point will spoil the effect of a hand lettered page, so use care that your words are in an absolutely straight line. In wording, make your expressions as short and concise as possible. Learn to balance your words, so as not to give the whole page an uneven appearance or make it look "one-sided." In spacing your stamps, make allowance for lettering. However, space your stamps first. To prevent any accidents, space your stamps by a fine pencil mark at each corner of the space, and do not mount until after the lettering has been completed. To balance the page find your center lines, horizontal and vertical. In lettering, have the exact center of each line of lettering pass through the center vertical line (except in case of notations under or over stamps not in center of page, in which case, center of phrase should be on a line with the center of the stamp.) There is little need to explain this, as the artist should be able to determine this for himself if he has any eye for proportion.

A good plan is to write out the phrase first, on a separate paper, find the center letters, and work backwards and forwards from the center line. A guess will most usually fail in this work, so don't try it.

After the ink is dry, the soft "clean-up" eraser may be rubbed over it, removing the pencil guide lines and the usual fingermarks which will accompany the drawing.

For titles, the writer has a unique scheme which has proven very satisfactory. As my albums are quite full, I use the transparent paper designed for interleaving to prevent rubbing. On the transparent interleaf preceding each country, I outline the name of the country by tracing a large alphabet, the letters being nearly one inch in height. I use red ink for the initial letter, and black for the balance. As this paper is not absorbent, it is not good policy to make letters solid, as the ink will cause the paper to wrinkle in drying. I also work out maps and other designs on this paper, as well as the various notations and descriptions. In this way, the actual pages of my book are free from lengthy descriptions which are apt to mar the appearance of the sheet. Of course, it is not necessary to use this transparent paper, though it is advantageous for large albums, more especially of types other than the ring binders.

In connection with the subject of lettering, let me state that all perforation varieties are more easily distinguished by mounting them on either black paper such as is used by jewelers on a space with a blackened border.

The problem of ruling and lettering is much harder for the collector who does not use quadrille ruled paper. Much greater care should be exercised in spacing, mounting, and lettering, as these are all apt to go astray without the guide lines. As these extra stamps are so liable to crowd a page, I think it best to have a separate book for them, since the book can be obtained for little money.

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M. N.—In many cases, great quantities of unused stamps especially the lower values, have come on the market from government channels after the stamps were demonetized, or made invalid for postal duty. It is a practice of some governments to sell all remainders, usually to the highest bidder, as new issues appear, or shortly afterward. Sometimes these stocks are absorbed without affecting the market, other times the price drops. Of course, the vast majority of old issues are almost unobtainable in this way, or even in any quantity any way. Only the more speculative issues are sold below face as a rule. When a stamp is demonetized, it loses its face value. Seebecks were printed for some time after they were obsolete, but the plates have now been destroyed. Genuine Seebecks are very scarce, as these later issues are the reprints almost always found.

Punched copies of Revenues are not as desirable as copies cancelled otherwise. The same applies to any punched stamp.

F. J.—I note your remarks about your 1c black U. S. 1908. As no black stamps were in print at that time, it is very improbable that this stamp was printed in error. I am of the opinion that some chemical process or similar treatment has changed the stamps in question. To settle the question, would you mind showing this stamp to our Mr. Severn, 714 Oxford Building, some time when you are in that vicinity. It is possible that some error has crept through undetected as yet.

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THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

By WILLARD O. WYLIE, Managing Editor.

The men who contribute to this symposium are men of long experience in the stamp business. They have seen seasons of prosperity, and possibly depression, but the present outlook does not belong in the latter class. The sentiments expressed in the following summary would seem to indicate that the United States collector will profit by the stock that must come on the market but in the most of this business the American dealer will be the channel through which the stream of stamps will pass.

We cannot rejoice in the course of events that retards and destroys business in our sister countries, but the great disaster will not diminish the great interest that America is experiencing in stamp collecting circles. The collector who can afford his stamp purchasing pleasures will find the winter of 1914-15 the best year he has ever known to build up the contents of his album.

We append some opinions relative to the trade situation that will prove of more than ordinary interest and by virtue of his years of experience we give the veteran dealer, J. W. Scott of New York City, first place:—

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First, we can all be sure of one thing, and that is, as long as civilization lasts, there will be stamp collectors. We do not anticipate any special change this year. Business will improve in October as it always does. Some people in the Eastern cities will lose their positions and be unable to spend as much as formerly, but against these, we can place the farmers of the great West who are experiencing unprecedented prosperity. The average collector is of moderate means, and will spend as much as ever he did, while to the millionaire amateur, losses or gains are of small importance as regards his usual mode of life. Business will be good.

The proposition of prices is not as clear. A number of foreign collections may be offered at low figures which would reduce prices, but it would increase the number of collectors, and thus cause an advance. New issues must advance in price, because money orders to foreign countries cannot be had. Rates of exchange have gone up and war risks have to be taken into consideration.

We now come to the organized robbery and murder now affecting the greater part of the world. Without considering which party is likely to be the nominal victor, all must be impoverished to exhaustion. Foreign trade is eliminated from our calculation, and, in a comparatively short time, the United States will have the trade of the world. The great boom in business may commence in the Spring, or it may be put off for another year, but nothing on earth can prevent or long hold back the business boom which will enrich everyone in America, and make stamp collecting more popular than ever before. It will enrich every amateur who has had sense enough to purchase when stamps can be had at reasonable figures, before the great advance in prices which postage stamps must share with all other commodities.—J. W. SCOTT.

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A very natural and general subject of conversation in stamp circles to-day is the probable effect of the European war upon stamp collecting. In this city the general tone is quietly optimistic. For our own part we see no special occasion for worry, but rather the contrary. Stamp collecting and dealing are firmly established, and have passed through several periods of business depression in the last twenty years without suffering any decrease in the number of collectors or serious reductions in prices.

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It is quite probable that when the war is over—though we fear the end is not in the near future—some people in Europe may feel it necessary or desirable to dispose of their collections and may send them to this country for sale. Every year numerous collections are sold here at auction and to the dealers, and the stamp market is stimulated by the sales; why then should we fear a bad effect if a few more or better collections than usual change hands? We feel that the fine collections and the big stocks are too firmly held for any hasty attempts at disposing of them, and that any anticipations of a stamp panic and a wrecked market are unwarranted.

On the other hand we look for revived and increased interest in stamp collecting and a greatly enlarged number of buyers especially for stamps of low and moderate prices. The experience of the past has been that war calls attention to stamps and stimulates collecting. When two countries have been at war there has always been a demand for their stamps. How much greater may we expect the interest and the demand to be when a war is being waged that involves so many of the greatest countries of Europe and may possibly draw others into it and that commands the almost breathless attention of the whole world.

We predict that many collectors who have dropped their stamps will resume collecting, that a very great number of new collectors will be made, especially among young people and school children. We anticipate greatly increased sales of albums and stamps to beginners, especially the issues of the countries involved in and adjacent to the great conflict. An improvement can already be noticed in what might be called the small business, the sale of sets, packets and medium priced stamps.

A change in the government of a country or colony invariably brings a demand for its stamps. The rule holds good today, and the stamps of a few German colonies that have passed into other control and of some that are regarded as liable to so pass are already in demand.

We regard the business outlook as good and the prospects encouraging for an active and prosperous winter in the stamp business.

E.B.POWER, Mgr. STANLEY GIBBONS Inc.

During June and July of this year the usual summer dullness was upon us and, therefore, we had no reasonable basis on which to judge the winter business. Commercial trade has been bad in the United States for more than a year and the stamp business has, I think, suffered less than other lines. In August, almost immediately upon the outbreak of war, our particular business began to slow up. Active buyers suddenly reported "no more stamps till things settle." The result has been a heavy falling off of receipts. As a continuing force we expected to have heavy liquidation offerings of stamps for sale which have failed to materialize. In fact, early U.S. are selling at stiffer prices than ever. I have been repeatedly asked what, in my opinion, will be the result of this European conflict on stamps here. I believe, firstly, that a very large quantity of really good stamps will be actually destroyed. Secondly, I believe that European dealers will hold on to their merchandise and commence business as soon as hostilities are over. I do not believe there will be any dumping of much foreign material over here because the dealers could not replace the goods at the prices an overloaded auction field would produce. As far as American dealers are concerned I find, on almost daily conferences with one or more, a distinct feeling of optimism not in the business of today but tomorrow. America now has the opportunity of her life to capture and hold trade that has never been hers owing to the opposition to a mercantile marine. America can manufacture anything if her manufacturers are only given encouragement. Why should we buy European matches, European dyes, European fashions, European clothes, etc. What is the matter with *American* matches, *American* dyes—oh yes, they can be done easily—*American* dresses and *American* clothes and wools and whatnot. Therein lies the point for the stamp dealer. The money you pay for the European match goes to Europe and is spent in Europe and the European stamp dealer gets *your* money which the American dealer should get. Personally we believe that a little more commercial patriotism is needed here. Our American stamp dealers are an honest

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Uncertainty at first is only natural. It would be foolish to ignore the fact that certain lines of business (notably bankers and stock brokers, and merchants who either as importers or exporters have extensive business relations with those countries now at war) are seriously interfered with, temporarily at least, by the great European war, or to minimize the fact that the stamp collectors engaged in those lines of business will naturally curtail their stamp purchases. Some may even cease buying altogether for a while. This loss can be offset only by increased purchases by others who are already collectors or by new converts to philately. It is almost wholly to the latter class that dealers must look to make good their losses on account of those who drop by the wayside.
This will take time, therefore we may expect uncertainty for some weeks. The greatest loss will, of course, come from those who buy the higher priced stamps. This must be made up by new buyers taking their places. Under ordinary circumstances, this would take considerable time, but the very war itself is going to help us out. It will awaken renewed interest in enough old time collectors to make business brisk in far less time than would ordinarily be the case.
There is, of course, the possibility of a slump in the auction market, caused by a certain proportion of auction buyers dropping out temporarily and a possible influx of collections sent from abroad to be disposed of by this method. I do not believe that so much as some people think will be put on the market in this way, but this factor can not wholly be ignored.
I can not see any possibility of serious trouble in any other direction. That the number of young people, and of older ones who perhaps might be classed as medium buyers will increase and multiply as soon as colder weather sets in, is as certain as is that same colder weather.
Now as to the further effects of the war. I have been in the stamp business without a lapse, for more than forty-five years, first as an agent for other dealers, next as a buyer of collections which I broke up and distributed among a circle of personal customers, and for twenty odd years as a sole means of livelihood. I therefore should be in a position to judge (as well as anyone can of the future) as regards stamp business, and if experience is worth anything, I should be able to take advantage of it. Looking back I well remember the first great boom in stamp collecting. It came during and following the Franco-Prussian War in 1870.
I lived in Salem then as now. Every afternoon I went to the store of S. E. Cassino, afterward the publisher of the Boston Stamp Book, who had a counter about ten feet long in his father's picture store and for a time the stamp business threatened to swamp the picture business. Mr. Cassino had two assistants and at times I too helped to wait upon customers. There never was a time from 1 P. M. until 6 P. M. that there were not anywhere from six to ten customers trying to get to that counter. In those days a stamp was a stamp, Hamburg locals were as good as many stamps that are now worth dollars.
Personally, I was in clover; many of my companions were the sons of Salem merchants and sea captains and the harvest I gleaned from them I regularly sold to Cassino for big prices. He had to buy in order to sell. This boom lasted for 10 years and was the direct result of the Franco-Prussian War.
Will history repeat itself? In my opinion, yes. Every boy and girl in the United States to say nothing of their elders, is reading the war news, and the connection between taking an interest in other countries and collecting the stamps issued by those countries is so close that it needs no prophet to understand why the sale of albums the coming Christmas and following spring will be the greatest in all stamp history. I know that other dealers and particularly the album makers share this belief, and are preparing to supply the goods. Can anyone doubt that the number of collectors will be multiplied many fold, old collectors will have their interest renewed, young people in great numbers will join the ranks, parents and friends will take the fever from the young and a wave of stamp collecting will sweep around the world that will not recede for years.
The New England Stamp Company will back up this belief; we have been advertising for months to buy good things with very barren results. We are prepared on very short notice to buy a collection and pay cash anywhere from $5,000 to $100,000; we have done it before and will be only too glad to do it again. What we want, however, is cream and not skim milk. Other business may have its ups and downs but, as soon as cooler weather sets in, the stamp business will have a boom that can be likened only to that following the Franco-Prussian War.—A. W. BATCHELDER.

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The stamp market seems to be sold out with very little offered for sale,—much less than usual. I found the same conditions prevailing on the other side and whatever U.S. stamps were obtainable were held at prices considerably in excess of our local market quotations.
There is no doubt that the war will have a decided effect upon stamp values and I look for a considerable advance in prices.
The history of past wars shows that paintings, books, manuscripts and other works of art have enhanced greatly in value after every such period, owing to the destruction of such property. Postage stamps are now recognized as belonging to this class.
The greatest stamp collecting nations are now at war with each other and in the attendant destruction of property, millions of dollars worth of stamps will undoubtedly be destroyed and as soon as the collectors and dealers attempt to replace their losses the prices must go up in accordance with the natural law.
However serious matters may appear on the other side, the domestic market does not seem to be affected to any great extent. Our business has been better during the past few weeks than

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Business is good—Sales above corresponding period last year, partly due to flurry over white backs and incoming current new issues—I predict a steady local, season trade. Collectors will be on the alert for any temporary issues. —J. A. GALBRAITH.

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I, of course, believe the war will somewhat effect business with those who have European clientage. However, it might keep many good things in this country, which will be a great benefit to our collectors. I am starting in the auction field this season with sales of United States exclusively and I am very grateful to find that many collectors are enthusiastic over this innovation. I think the business in this country is without limit, if collectors can get what they want. The demand for United States stamps has been wonderful during the summer and I have recorded some record months. For the past four or five years, I have noted that American collectors are becoming more exacting, due no doubt to the wonderful detailed work that some of our eminent men have been doing. I am preparing for a busy season and early indications certainly point to such a condition.—WENDOVER NEEFUS.

I believe that for the next six or eight months the market will be firm and expect quite a substantial business. As to the war, should it terminate within the next two or three months, there is little question in my mind but that the United States will be the dumping ground for innumerable foreign collections, but I believe our market is capable of absorbing all of these without any great decrease in prices.—E. R. WOOD of WOODWIRTH Co.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—If those dealers who have had dealings or experiences with J. L. A. Couture, Quebec, who was mentioned in our issue of August 8th, in connection with a request made by him for stamps on approval from the Postage Stamp Company of San Francisco, will submit particulars to Mr. L. B. Lincoln, room 1112, at 112 W. Adams Street, Chicago, it may prove ultimately to their advantage.

—From Mr. E. C. Dodd, LaGrange, Illinois, we have received a wholesale price list of twenty-four pages, which reflects the huge size of Mr. Dodd's stock. The list speaks for itself and no doubt the prices tell an eloquent tale.

—Herman Boers, sending in a clipping dealing with the pigeon post service in the siege of Paris 1870, tells us that blocks of 1895, 10c and 50c must be scarce. Not one offer did he receive on a recent advt.

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1907, 10 kron., No. 126	2.00	.85
1896, 1 guld pale lilac, No. 68*	1.25	.50
1910, 1kr purple, No. 140*	..	.80
Levant 1858, 3s bl'k, No. 8 sc.	1.25	.75
Barbados '61, ½p blue gr'n, No. 15	1.25	.45
1871, 1p blue, No. 25	2.50	.85
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Bavaria 1862, 12kr green, No. 13	1.00	.35
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Br. Honduras 1872-3, 1p blue, No. 4	1.25	.45
1891, 24c yellow & blue, No. 42	1.00	.35
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Cape of G. H. '80, 3p lilac rose, No. 29	1.25	.45
1880, 3p on 3p lil.rose, No. 30	1.25	.45
Ceylon 1861-7, 9p choc. brn, No. 52	1.75	.75
1904-5, 2r 25c br.& gr'n, No. 189	1.75	.75
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1912, 5r green, No. 214	..	.95
China 1878, 1c green, No. 1*	1.75	.75
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1867, 5sh rose, No. 56	2.00	.80
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Re-issue of the Green Seal Stamps.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

Those newspaper readers who have followed the trend of events in Mexico of late will no doubt have gathered that the Constitutionalists are by no means unanimous in their opinions just now with the result that the sovereign state of Sonora is in a state of revolt. Of course this has had its effect on the postage stamps used in the state, and, temporarily at any rate, the type-set stamps have been reverted to as these bear the proper designation of the State of Sonora. First of all, however, let me quote from a Tucson, Arizona, newspaper report published in the early part of this month (September):—

"The postoffice in Nogales, Sonora, is a busy place these days. Throngs of people crowd the lobby at all times of the day, as it is now necessary to mail everything for the south, through the postoffice window only temporary, but it is causing no end of inconvenience to the patrons of the office. The Carranza officials left with all the stamps that were on hand at the time, and the new administration is unable to get any more for the present. The result is that everything has to be paid for in cash. To complicate matters further, the present officials will not allow the use of the last edition of stamps as sold by the former officials.

Francisco Velasco, postmaster-general of Sonora, has issued a circular in which he prohibits future use of Constitutionalist stamps upon mail matter in the state. Maytorena stamps have been prepared and must be used instead, the circular stated.

In cases where letters bear the Constitutionalist stamp, they will be carried through to their destination, but the postage will be collected at the other end.

Slight as the order may seem in its effect, its promulgation has caused much bitterness among the anti-Maytorena faction. They declare that it but emphasizes what they have insisted all along—that Maytorena is attempting to set up a separate government, deriving its revenues from the usual governmental channels and has no intention of obeying the order of Generals Villa and Obregon."

From the above it is clear that all the Constitutionalist stamps, including the "G.C.M." surcharges and the so-called Denver issue, have no franking power in Sonora itself. For a few days postage had to be paid in cash and as this caused considerable inconvenience the authorities had to make strenuous endeavors to supply postage stamps of some sort. It so happened that the forms used for printing the type-set stamps of 1913 had been carefully kept standing at the printing office in Hermosillo and it was decided to resuscitate the stamps with green seal overprint, printing them from the original type-set forms. The forms were, of course, those that had been used for the stamps with black roulette all round there being one form for the black portion of the stamps—identical in all values—and a form for the red portion which had to be altered to serve for the several denominations. The values issued were the same as before, viz.:—1c, 2c, 3c, 5c and 10c. The 5c has the large thick numeral, so rare in the original stamps, but as they have black roulette all round they are easily distinguishable. The same remark applies to the 10c for the originals were not issued with the black roulette. These two denominations, therefore, constitute entirely new varieties, but the 1c, 2c and 3c are so like the original stamps that they can best be described as reissues. In fact when used, or in singles, many of the types would be difficult to distinguish from the originals though they can easily be differentiated when in entire sheets.

Speaking generally they represent a very worn state of the type, being a later state than the original 1c which was. I believe, the last of the green seals to be printed with black roulette all round. On all the sheets I have examined the "red" is a deep dull color, almost a dull carmine,—whereas in the original issue this color is generally bright.

The five types are all as follows:—

A.—The Z of Marzo is a wrong font letter and the O of Centavo (s) at right is a cypher.

B.—The date, 1913, is 19!3, though it is indistinct. The O in Centavo (s) at left is a cypher and the letters E and T of the same word are badly broken.

C.—1913 is printed !913 and the T of Centavo (s) at left is badly shaped. The right hand scale in the green seal has a distinct uncolored flaw projecting from its base.

D.—1913 is printed 19!3. The C of Centavo (s) at right is a wrong font letter and the C at right is very thin.

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American collectors cannot help profiting by the great war now being waged in Europe. We did not want it, we would have prevented it if possible and we can only hope and pray that our beloved nation may remain a neutral nation to the very end.

In the months to come the United States must needs be a busy spot and philatelists will share in the general prosperity. In the meantime do not forget that the enterprizing stamp dealer gives his best offers newspaper publicity and the columns of this paper are just bulging with tempting bargains.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

The War—Not a few of our readers have written to us for an opinion on the probable effect of the war on stamp collecting in this country; and for a time, we answered such inquiries by letter but the question is now asked by subscribers in some number and it becomes advisable to speak on the subject publicly. We must confess that even though the request shows a flattering regard for our views yet our remarks are in no way "inspired" or based on any information that is private or secret. So, dismissing any claims to prescience, we can but base our observations on the opinions that come to us from all over the country from different sources ranging from the humblest to the highest. We have correspondents throughout the country who write us occasionally or when they have some subject of interest to discuss. The war which has made so painful an impression on all thinking persons has occupied the attention of these unattached members of our staff and we have been in receipt of many views from correspondents for whose words we have respect.

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No Alarm—It is noticed that those who question us about the war in its relation to philately in America are not disposed to take a pessimistic stand but rather it is almost invariably asked if the times are not propitious for investment in certain lines of stamps that may be said to be in the war zone. The inquiries proceed not from any uneasiness but from an intention to take a speculative advantage of the situation, if possible. So there is no fear of the stability of philately reflected in the minds of these people. Instead, a belief in the permanency and growth of the pursuit is confirmed by the wish to seize the speculative chance so dear to the hearts of our collectors, not so much for the sake of the dollar, you know, as for the satisfaction of the thing.

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In This Country—If we are to confine ourselves to a consideration of conditions in this country, we need only say that the war has curtailed the importation of continentals and wholesale lots from French and German dealers; and while this restriction is real, it is not particularly serious as there is much reserve stock in this country. New issues are coming in smaller number from the dealers who conduct a service of the kind but it is almost certain that the normal quantity again will be supplied within a short time or when the period of adjustment is over. Broadly, domestic conditions are not disturbed to any extent even approaching restiveness. We learn that there is no hasty or undue liquidation of stamps and while perhaps stamps are being used rather freely as collateral, there is no radical movement to alarm the most conservative. As we have said, there is no great pressure on the market by the unloading of large holdings, or forced sales; and if there was no war, the present conditions would not excite apprehension. The market is too seasoned for a slump now and offerings will be in such demand that the equilibrium will be held. We cannot conceive of that emergency or exigency that will make prices fall materially and our faith is such that philately will sustain a level on a par with business generally,—aye, we think that it will do this and a little more.

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Firm in the Faith—We who are in the ranks of philately professionally and who are convinced of its firm foundation know that collecting will be shaken only when all else is, likewise. On this premise, we know that philately will not be singled out for attack. A reason for the security of our pursuit is that no real speculation enters into it. Of course, collectors buy for investment or even speculation but they do not overbuy; and what is more to the point they do not borrow the money for the purpose of buying stamps for a future rise. Dealers who did big business with Europe and who constantly were on the alert for really good things for their customers abroad will feel the harsh effects of war but on the contrary, the collectors in this country will have the chance to obtain these select stamps on favorable terms. The average dealer will pursue the even tenor of his way and will be only slightly affected by the war. We believe that stamp collecting will be welcomed as a foil for the strenuous thought that all citizens are devoting to the war and that it will increase in the number of its followers here even under the dark conditions that are prevailing abroad.

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Sobieski—Mr. Fred G. Ross, New York City, calls our attention to the following paragraph from a special cable to the New York *American*. The characteristics of the prisoners captured from the Austrians by the Russians are discussed in a Russian publication and the Galician troops among the captives are represented as having said: "When we left Vienna, we were told the Austrians had taken Belgrade. At Cracow we were told that all Servia was conquered and the army was approaching Nish and that the Germans had entered Warsaw. When we were lead to positions we were informed that a Polish monarchy was already established, proof of which was shown by stamps with the effigy of King Sobieski the Third." This is a case of philately to the fore and lots of other things.

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THE WAR'S EFFECT ON BELGIUM.

St. Michael and the Dragon.—Every stamp collector remembers the Exhibition stamps of Brussels issued in 1896, whereon the patron of the city, St. Michael, is shewn victorious over Satan, as we may yet hope that King Albert will crush under his heel the many-fanged Teuton plunderer. The *Londoner* in the *Evening News* has something to say of St. Michael's City:—

St. Michael is patron of Brussels. He warred against the dragon. You see him in the armorial shield of Brussels, thrusting hard with his spear, and you see that it was a terrible dragon, a scaly, brazen beast, that trailed along, as spiky as a German army. But I believe that St. Michael had the better of the dragon. I believe that he will win again and see the wounded dragon go lolloping back to its nest in the sand wastes and marshes of Prussia.

To-day's map may show the Dragon with one claw in Brussels market place. I see it, curve beyond curve, writhing from Turnhout down to the parts by Colmar, where its tail is sore for the hurt that it had at Mulhouse. But St. Denis of France is in arms besides St. Michael: our St. George comes riding under the red cross banner. Those three champions shall deal with the dragon that has affronted St. Michael's city.

Malines.—Another beautiful Belgian city, at the mercy of the invaders, has a very significant connection with philately. It is the ancient cathedral city of Malines, wherein is situated the stamp printing factory of the Belgian government. Malines is no great way from Antwerp, and is occasionally referred to in the newspapers under the Flemish name of Mechlin. Here in the station road, is the factory which for nearly fifty years has been the fountain spring of the Belgian postal issues. Here also the Congo State stamps were printed from 1886 to 1894, and the well-known Greek stamps designed by the Belgian artist, Hendrickx. It is no vast factory like that of the De La Rue's or Harrison's, but it employs 100 workmen and about 12 women. All the present Belgian adhesive stamps, the stamped postcards and stamped envelopes are turned out here, and in ordinary conditions the output is about two millions a day, or about one-eighth of the out-put of ½d and 1d adhesive stamps of Great Britain.

The Projected New Issue.—It is not generally known that Malines was about to give Belgium an entirely new series of stamps of a more ambitious order than the present series. Such was the case, however, and London was producing the machinery. The postal authorities also had paid the British stamps the compliment of adopting a size of stamp identical with the King Edward VII stamps, and with the same narrow gutters and identical perforations. But the stamps were to be, and I hope still will be printed from recess-plates, by a new process—new so far as philatelic uses are concerned.

Dujardin Dry Recess Process.—The new machine for printing the Belgian stamps is being constructed side by side with a similar one being built for the Chilian government. Each of these machines is to accomplish the miracle of printing from recess-plates on dry paper. As all collectors should know it has always been regarded as unavoidable in recess plate printing that the paper should be printed upon when damp, a very troublesome factor in this class of printing. But the Dujardin machine has overcome this difficulty (as Mr. Stickney, of the Washington Bureau is also believed to have overcome it) and the success of these machines may revolutionise stamp printing in the next year or two. With the opportunity of printing intaglio stamps on dry paper the intaglio process is brought more nearly down to the limits of costs of production of stamps allowed for in countries which are at present using surface-printed stamps.

Some Technical Details.—Having referred to the preparations for the new issue I may add further details. The dominical label is being abandoned, and the plates will be constructed to print sheets of 300 in two panes 15x10 stamps each, with a centre pillar rather more than stamp width. The size of the stamps was arranged as 17x14 equivalent to the King Edward stamps, and the perforations .035 inch diameter. The combs are arranged to perforate the long edge forward, just as in the British 240 set.

A Postponed Issue.—All these plans were well forward, but of course the next issue of Belgian stamps must be postponed indefinitely for with matters of vastly greater concern on hand the gallant Belgians need ammunition more than stamps, and big guns instead of printing machinery. In any case the machinery cannot be delivered at present, though we shall yet see these machines of peace safely transported across the sea, and set to work producing, I hope, tiny portraits of the chiefest hero of the war up to this date, the gallant King Albert of Belgium. Those will be welcome additions to the album of every patriotic philatelist in the United Kingdom.

Philately in Belgium.—In all these Belgian towns, many of which we have located on war maps for the first time these few days, are the homes and the rendezvous of many brother philatelists for whose perils in these days we in Britain have the deepest sympathies. There have been philatelic societies in the never-to-be-forgotten town of Liege. Louvain, where the Belgians lost so heavily the other day is the headquarters of the Federation of Belgian Philatelists, and there are similar philatelic bodies at Antwerp, Brussels, Bruges, Ghent, Marchiennes-au-Pont, Tongres, Tournai and Verviers.

Our Belgian Contemporary.—And there are many individual philatelists throughout the Belgian towns now overridden by German troops, collectors known to many of us by correspondence if not in person, and dealers whom it was occasionally our privilege to welcome in London. And that ever-welcome visitor, *l'Annonce Timbrologique* is among the absentees these days, as who shall find time or heart in brave little Belgium at this time to pursue the peaceful avocation of philatelic journalism?—*The Postage Stamp.*

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Eddie, of Cornalla and Eddie, has a peculiar sense of humor which he is apt to display at unexpected times and places.

The other day, strolling up to the stamp window in the post office, he asked the clerk, "Have you any nice fresh stamps to-day?"

The clerk, being somewhat of a humorist himself, answered, "You betcha," dove down into his desk and brought up a new sheet of a hundred stamps. Holding it up to Eddie, he said, "Take your pick."

"Gimme that one in the middle," said Eddie.

"Sorry, sir, that one was ordered by telephone this morning," replied the clerk.—New York *American.*

Advertising Chat—No. 5.

With which—hearty greetings!

This is our "season-opener" and a right good number, too. Of course, there is a bit of war flavor to the advertising but that is to be expected. Look the paper thru and see if your collection will not be the richer by buying some of the wares offered.

Of course Negreen's page advertisement plays a very strong part but the half pages of Scott Stamp & Coin Co., advertising the new 1915 catalog, and Griebert's, advertising his ten per cent new issue service, will attract attention.

We have some new advertisers this week and we welcome them. Olaf Grilstad of Droutheim, Norway, has a display adv. that merits larger and more conspicuous space. B. Max Mehl sends us a series of advs. and will be on hand regularly. On coins he is the authority. Chas. Nissen and Co., London, is also in trade column. "Everybody's Philatelist" has a quarter page that speaks for itself and is not likely to be overlooked.

Once more H. H. A, Fox of Oswego, N. Y., will be found on page 3. We know him to be all right for we have visited the Fox house and got acquainted with him and all the little Foxes. His specialty is British Colonials.

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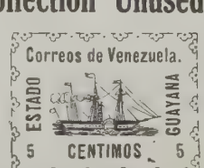
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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New Member—235, Wilkawski, John A., 506 Elks' Temple, Detroit, Michigan.

No other doings for August to be reported. Dull month.

The July report was promptly made, but for some reason, unknown to the secretary it has not appeared in the official organ. In it announcement was made of the application for membership of our new member, above noted; stamp dealer, aged 26, proposed by John F. Miller of the same city. References O. K.

Also dues received for July from 213, $1.00, from applicant $1.00.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.
ARGUSVILLE, N. D., Aug. 31, 1914.

NOTE.—Through a mistake for which we must take the blame, the July report was not published and the appearance of the August report has been delayed. Mr. Edwards forwarded his July and August reports respectively with his customary promptness.—EDITOR.

ACKERMAN'S VIEWS ON CHINA.

E. R. Ackerman has just returned from a trip to the Orient and to a New York paper he gives the following impressions of his visit in China:—

"If the United States does not snatch the Chinese trade shut off from Europe by the war it will be the fault of the American business man. China is anxious to meet us half way, for it thinks more of us than it does of any other foreign nation."

Senator Ackerman sailed from Japan Aug. 12, just before Japan entered the great conflict.

"China," said Senator Ackerman, "is a great nation which has become imbued with western ideas and spirit. There is a marvellous change in the country. The Chinese are becoming accustomed to a republican form of government, and they are all at work. They are building railroads in every direction to develop the country, which cannot be told from Kansas, Nebraska or any middle western state. They are extending commerce, pacifying the outlying districts and working night and day to become Occidentalized.

"You never hear now of the old cry against disturbing the spirits or bones of ancestors; you never hear of ancient conditions. They are up and alert all the time. I tell you in going from Shanghai to Nankin I got two as good meals on a dining car as I ever got in this country. Our sleeping cars were as good as any one could desire. They are talking business and doing business all the time now.

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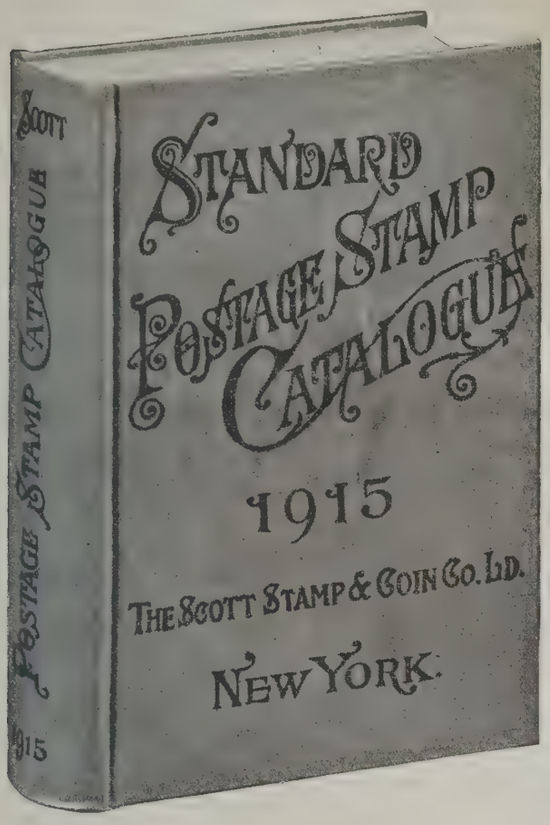
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Vol. I — This Month, Same Year. — No. 2

Publishers Notice

No, Chauncey, the HINGE is not a house organ, it is not even the mouth piece for a tin horn. So you will listen in vain for it to peal an air as a house organ, yet like all good hinges, we guarantee it peelable.

We also wish to contradict the rumor that the HINGE is an endowed journal. Ours is not an endowment fund, it is a sinking fund and if HINGE subscribers don't come through pretty quick it will sink out of sight.

The Waiter: Did you order a rare steak.

Collector: No. Bring me a common one, I have just returned from a stamp auction and have only twenty cents left.

Tuckahoe News Notes

We have just seen Mr. Hen Koop's collection of onions and we do not hesitate to assert that it is the finest collection to be seen in these parts. Mr. Koop began collecting onions about two months ago and his collection is growing rapidly, in fact some of them are sprouting, which is, we believe the only drawback to onion collecting. He has many duplicates, including some of the Bermuda variety, which he would be pleased to exchange. He looks upon garlic much the same as stamp collectors regard reprints, they are acceptable because they are interesting, but he refuses to place them in his collection. Mr. Koop conceived the idea of compiling an onion catalogue, but whether a sprout adds or detracts from the value of an onion—was a problem he could not solve, so he abandoned the catalogue idea.

Mr. Walter Marks is sending out stamps on approval and we wish to state that his approval stamps bear the stamp of our approval.

Mr. Fuller Prunes breezed into our office today. We showed him a fine lot of stamps, all mint, o. g. "Very interesting," he said, "by the way, have you seen the new Julip stamp "

"What in all Tuckahoe is a Julip stamp?" we asked.

"Mint, Oh, Gee!" he replied.

We are sorry now that we threw the telephone book at him as he ran out of the door, because we hit a customer who was just coming in.

Editor Hinge—

Dear Sir; For six days I have had a vague impression that there is something that I started and did not finish—an important task left uncompleted. Today it came like a flash, I omitted to sign my name to that letter addressed to you, subscribing for the Hinge. I now sign my name—

Yours Truly
Isadore Shutt

Your favor came Dooly to hand (our postman is named Dooly). We are pleased to paste your name over the vacant space in your first letter where it belongs. This leaves quite a gap in the second letter which we have placed in the cheese box with our collection of "human documents" and some day it may prove exhilarating mental exercise to guess who that letter is from.

News item: The next great battle will take place at Indianapolis where the S. P. A. is mobilizing its forces for a decisive struggle.

And when the battle is over,
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—*The Collectors' Monthly.*

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

TO THE GIRL COLLECTORS AND THE "OLDER BOYS."

While this column was originally intended for the benefit of the boy collector, it is quite apparent that there are a few girl collectors, and also a number of collectors mature in years but young in experience who are anxious to partake of the benefits of this department. To these collectors, let me say that this space is as much their own as it is any other readers, and I will be pleased to hear from any reader who has a question, or a hundred quetions, whether said reader be of either sex, and seven or seventy (or more, to include our oldest friends). This department is conducted for the purpose of instructing the collector of meagre experience in the wiles and customs of philately. With the aid of our learned editor, Brother Severn, and the various catalogues, and hand-books, it is possible to unravel most of the snarls that make collecting hard for those who pursue it, and it will afford me great pleasure to serve any of the readers of this paper in any way I can.

Since we are on the subject of girl philatelists, may I say that it is a pity there are not more stamp collectors among this sex? Philately, being an art, should be appreciated the more keenly by the gentle sex. Compared with the number of collectors, the number of women interested is very small. Isn't it up to the boys to get busy and start their sisters, mothers and sweethearts in the game? Come on, you collectors who are anxious to promote your hobby, and "loosen up" with some of those duplicates. Get an outfit for the girl, any girl, and teach her. She'll follow you, and will beat you at it if you aren't careful. Also, you married boys, some of these winter evenings that are on the way, take friend wife into your confidence and let her know of the charms of collecting. Change that "my collection" to "our collection." Remember, when the wife has an interest in the book, and wants to see that page completed, she will not mind the expenditure of that piece of your hard-earned salary you put into your stamps each month. Let her have some of the fun, too.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AMERICA?

Appearances indicate that Nicaragua will give the collectors a rest for a short time, at least. The permanent set is gradually taking the place of the surcharges. Some of the officials surcharged for ordinary use will be mighty scarce.

The new Venezuela set is coming through. It is certainly an improvement over the rather crude labels that have been in use previously.

The collector who looks upon the American countries as the worst "new issue offenders" will be interested in recalling that Brazil is using the same set of stamps issued in 1906; Peru the series of 1909; Bolivia the 20c 1901-2; Guatemala the series of 1902, and Colombian Republic the 1908 series. Of course, a few things have happened in between these years, but isn't that a pretty good record for stability?

We're all very anxious to see the new Panama stamps commemorating the Exposition. These ought to appear very shortly. Canal Zone promises her surcharged set, too.

Speaking of the high cost of collecting, some of the American values are mighty good things to own just now. The wholesale prices, when they can be quoted in quantity, of some of these values make the catalogue prices look like an 1840 edition of Joe Miller's Joke Book. Half-catalogue wholesale is cheap for some of the current and recent stamps.

Did you know that South America, especially Chile and Argentine, is filled with stamp collectors. The Chilian collectors have a stamp paper of much worth. Also, the Argentine collectors have a fine society, and many stamp dealers thrive and profit on the local trade, chiefly along the lines of the Euronean dealers, however.

The 12c Chile President series, which has jumped to 6c in the new catalogue, used, may be expected to jump higher still. That stamp is easily disposed of at 10c, when anyone has any to dispose of.

Speaking of scarce ones, the 8c Bolivia, the 14c and 60c Chile, and the 20c Uruguay are seldom seen. The 4c and 20c Costa Rica are not common, either. A number of the little colons are making their appearance, but even at that, they are mighty good property.

Indications point to some large stamp doings at the Fair in San Francisco. Those who are fortunate enough to attend should keep their eyes open for the stamp stuff.

War sure is what Sherman said it was, when it makes Sonora stamps. They're awfully good for the man who has them, and bad stuff for the collector who has to pay for them. Mr. Carranza could have printed his 10c first issue on gold without affecting its value.

Ever notice the rain-sticks on the 50c Argentine Centennial (1910) set. They look like State Street on a wet day to me.

Watch for errors in your recent Nicaragua and Honduras surcharges. They're to be found, especially in the former. Some periods omitted, misplaced letters, and misspelt words go to make up the assortment.

The new Honduras surcharges, by the way, are showing signs of becoming good stock. The 10c on 6c new issue, in black, is a good one, because it has been replaced by the red surcharge. The black one is a hard one to locate because of the purple-brown colored stamp. Lots of them slip by unnoticed. Also, authorities say that the 10c on 50c will be a good one.

Wasn't that 2c on 20c Honduras a sleeper, though? A local dealer wants a five-dollar bill for one he has, and he'll get it.

Isn't it the height of disappointment to get a beautiful block of four of the one colon Salvador lightly cancelled, on cover, and upon soaking it, find that each stamp has been torn in half and replaced?

In the way of odd values, Salvador leads the world with her 17c, 19c and 29c stamps. Uruguay comes pretty near it with her 23c.

The demand for early United States stamps has not decreased. It seems to be a fact that no matter how high you pay for a fine United States, someone will be glad to pay more for it.

Another Honduras patriot has sold his supply of the red Bonilla 1912. If they would all sell out, the market wouldn't be affected very much.

Peru doesn't need much inducement to issue a provisional. From the scarcity of that 8c on 12c 1912 provisional, the demand for this stamp must have been terrific! In looking through as many as ten thousand covers, never an 8c have I found. Peru could use a 22c to greater advantage.

Hortense says those new 5 milesimo Uruguays match her cerise stationery to perfection. Too bad she can't mail her letters in Uruguay instead of U. S.

The "white backs" of the British Colonials seem to have faded away into history. Used copies are really rare, especially since many are ruined in soaking.

Some new U. S. Peace Centennial stamps are promised. Will this prove an incentive for certain European nations too numerous to name?

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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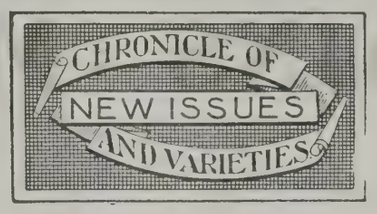
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BRITISH GUIANA.—Hermann Focke reports having received the 24c and 48c recently chronicled, but is informed that the 60c, 72c and 96c values have not yet been issued. Under date of Aug. 31, his informant writes that "the dates when the subsequent issues will appear is uncertain."

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—Hermann Focke sends us the 2½d and 5sh King George stamps, which, though reported as having been supplied to the Colony some time since, did not appear until Aug. 1, and only reached this country a few days ago. The 3d King George stamp is sold out, and the King Edward stamp of the same value is again in issue. The former, which is on the surface-tinted paper, will no doubt become scarce, as the new printing ought to be on the all-yellow paper.

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U. S.	Scott's Catalog.	My price
1847, 5c red brown	$1.75	$1.00
10c black	5.00	2.65
1851, 1c blue	.75	.25
10c green	1.50	.60
1857, 1c Type III unused o. g.	.50	.20
1c Type III used	.25	.10
5c Type I used	4.00	1.80
5c Type II used	4.00	1.75
10c green used	1.25	.38
10c green unused o. g.	7.50	2.50
12c black unused o. g.	4.00	1.70
24c lilac unused o. g.	6.00	2.50
30c orange unused o. g.	10.00	3.90
90c blue unused o. g.	20.00	8.00
1861, 3c pink (real pink), used	7.50	2.50
5c buff, used	7.50	2.95
10c green, used	.25	.10
12c or 30c, each used	1.00	.45
90c blue, used	4.00	1.60
1862, 2c black Jackson, unused	1.00	.35
5c red brown, used	3.50	1.35
5c brown, used	.85	.38
15c blk. Lincoln, used	1.00	.38
1867, 15c Lincoln grille 9x13 used	1.25	.40
24c lilac grille 9x13 used	6.00	2.20
30c orange grille 9x13 used	4.00	1.30
90c blue grille 9x13 used	10.00	4.00
1869, 1c buff (used 35c), un'd o. g.	1.60	.65
2c brown (used 9c), un'd o. g.	1.00	.30
3c blue (used 1c), un'd o. g.	.75	.25
6c blue (used 40c), un'd o. g.	4.00	1.60
10c y'll'w (used 40c), un'd o. g.	7.50	3.60
12c gr'n (used 45c), un'd o. g.	4.00	1.65
15c br.&blue, used 75c un'd o.g.	6.00	2.25
re-issue (1875) 1c un'd o. g.	5.00	1.80
re-issue (1875) 6c un'd o. g.	10.00	4.00
re-issue ('75) 10c or 15c un'd o.g.	12.50	5.25
1870, 1c blue, grille used	.50	.17
6c carmine, grille used	4.00	1.50
7c vermilion, grille used	4.00	1.50
10c brown, grille used	10.00	3.75
15c orange, grille used	6.50	2.75
1871, 1c ultra., unused o. g.	3.50	.95
2c red brown, unused o. g.	1.50	.50
3c green, unused o. g.	2.00	.45
6c carmine, unused o. g.	3.50	1.00
7c ver. (used 35c), un'd o. g.	6.00	1.75
10c or 12c each, unused, o. g.	8.00	2.50
15c bright orange, un'd o. g.	5.00	1.50
24c pur., (used 60c), un'd o.g.	12.50	4.90
90c carmine, used	1.50	.65
1873, 7c, 12c or 15c, each used	..	.30
10c brown, un'd o. g.	5.00	1.80
1890, 30c black, unused o. g.	1.00	.40
90c orange, unused o. g.	2.00	1.00
1893, Columbus 30c, used	.75	.30
Columbus 50c, used	.60	.32
Columbus 1.00, unused o. g.	3.00	1.50
Columbus 2.00, unused o. g.		2.25
Columbus 3.00, unused o. g.		3.40
Columbus 4.00, unused o. g.		4.40
Columbus 5.00, unused o. g.		5.20
1908, 50c pale violet, used	.25	.10
$1 purple brown	.35	.18
1911, 50c violet (Franklin)	.25	.08
Parcel Post 50c carmine	1.00	.17
Parcel Post 75c carmine		.39
Parcel Post 1.00 carmine		.48
Agriculture 1c yellow, unused o. g.	3.50	1.60
" 3c " " "	.50	.20
" 10c " " "	6.00	2.50
" 12c " " "	8.00	3.40
" 15c " " "	3.50	1.50
" 24c, or 30c, " "	5.00	2.40
Executive 1c, " "	8.00	3.40
" 2c, " "	8.00	3.40
" 3c, " "	6.50	2.90
" 6c, (used)	12.00	5.00
" 10c, (used)	8.00	3.75
Interior 1c, unused o. g.	.35	.17
" 2c, " "	.10	.04
" 3c, " "	.50	.15
" 6c, " "	.50	.15
" 10c, " "	.50	.20
" 12c, " "	.60	.25
" 15c, " "	.75	.40
" 24c, " "	1.00	.48
" 30c, " "	1.25	.55
" 90c, " "	4.00	1.50
Justice 1c, " "	1.50	.60
" 3c, " "	2.00	.65
" 12c, " "	3.00	1.35
" 24c, " "	17.00	7.00
" 30c, " "	20.00	7.75
" 90c " "	27.50	12.75
Navy 1c, used	1.00	.45
" 2c or 6c, used, each		.20
" 7c, used, extra fine	8.50	3.75
" 12c, "	1.25	.50
" 15c, "	2.25	1.00
" 24c, "	4.00	1.80
" 90c, "	9.00	4.00
Post-Office 1c, unused o. g.	.40	.18
" 6c, " "	.25	.10
" 12c, " "	1.00	.40
" 24c, " "	1.25	.50
" 90c, " "	2.50	1.00
State 1c green, " "	2.50	1.10
" 2c " " "	5.00	2.10
" 6c " " "	1.00	.40
" 7c " " "	3.00	1.20
" 10c " " "	3.00	1.20
" 10c " (used)	2.00	.70
" 12c " "	3.75	1.50
" 15c " "	3.50	1.50
" 24c " "	6.00	2.50
" 30c " "	5.00	2.40
" 90c " "	10.00	4.00
" 90c " unused o. g.	12.00	5.00
" $2.00 " lightly used	20.00	8.00
Treasury 7c brown	1.50	.60
" 24c brown	3.00	1.10
" 1c to 90c Complete	7.20	2.10
" 1c, unused o. g.	1.00	.35
" 2c, unused o. g.	.50	.18

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Treasury, 7c, unused o. g.	2.50	1.00
" 10c, 12c, unused o. g.	.50	.18
" 15c, unused o. g.	.50	.18
" 30c, unused o. g.	.60	.25
" 90c, unused o. g.	2.00	.90
War 7c, unused o. g.	2.00	.80
" 1c, unused o. g. No. 582	2.50	.60
" 2c, unused o. g. No. 583	2.50	.60
" 12c, unused o. g. No. 588	1.25	.40
War 15c or 24c, unused o. g.	.35	.15
" 30c, unused o. g.	.50	.20
Newspaper 1865, 5c blue	3.00	1.10
1865, 10c green	7.50	2.25
1865, 25c red	6.00	2.25
1875, 2c black, unused	.50	.17
1875, 3c or 4c black, unused	.75	.30
1875, 6c black, unused	2.50	.75
1875, 8c black, unused	2.50	.75
1875, 9c black, unused	10.00	3.50
1875, 10c black, unused	1.00	.35
1875, 12c rose, unused o. g.	2.50	.90
1875, 24c rose, unused o. g.	2.00	.90
1875, 36c rose, unused o. g.	2.50	1.00
1875, 48c rose, unused o. g.	10.00	3.50
1875, 60c rose, unused o. g.	7.50	3.00
1875, 72c rose, unused o. g.	12.50	4.00
1875, 84c rose, unused o. g.	15.00	5.00
1875, 96c rose, unused o. g.	10.00	3.75
1875, $1.92 brown, un'd o. g.	5.00	2.40
1875, 3.00 verm., un'd o. g.	7.50	3.50
1875, 6.00 ultram., un'd o. g.	12.00	5.00
1875, 9.00 yellow, un'd o. g.	20.00	8.50
1875, 12.00 green, un'd o. g.	25.00	9.00
1875, 24.00 violet, un'd o. g.	35.00	15.50
1875, 36.00 br. rose, un'd o. g.	45.00	22.00
1875, 48.00 red br., un'd o. g.	60.00	24.00
1875, 60.00 violet, un'd o. g.	75.00	26.00
1895 issue 1c to $100, 12 varieties as sold by the Government at $3.20 a set.		
Postage Due 1879, 30c brown	1.00	.40
1879, 50c brown	1.25	.45
1889, 50c red brown	1.50	.55
1891, 50c claret	1.00	.40
1895, 50c claret	.60	.15
REVENUES Perforated 1861		
1c Playing Cards	3.00	1.20
2c Certificate, orange	.40	.15
3c Playing Cards	6.00	2.00
4c Playing Cards	8.00	3.00
5c Playing Cards	.75	.25
10c Prop. or For. Exch.	..	.16
20c Foreign Exch.	1.00	.30
25c Warehouse Receipt	.60	.16
50c Probate of Will	.75	.16
$1 Manifest	.60	.20
$1 Mortgage	3.00	.65
$1 Passage Ticket	6.00	2.00
$1.30 Inland Exchange	1.00	.30
$2.00 Probate of Will	1.00	.45
$5 Manifest	2.50	.70
$5 Probate of Will	.85	.35
$10 Charter Party	1.00	.40
$10 Mortgage of Probate	1.00	.40
$15 Mortgage	6.00	2.20
$25 Mortgage	4.00	1.50
$50 green	3.00	1.40
$200 " and red	15.00	7.40
6c blue & black, 2nd issue, scarce	2.00	.65
1c " " "	.75	.30
4c " " "	.60	.25
15c " " "	.50	.20
30,40or 70c blue & blk.,2d issue,ea.	.75	.35
$10.00 black and green, 3rd issue	3.00	1.20
$5.00 black and vermilion, "	.75	.30
$15.00 black and orange, "	15.00	6.00
1898 issue, 1c green, sm. I. R., un'd	.15	.05
1c green I. R. inverted, un'd	3.00	1.00
2c car. I. R. inverted	.40	.18
80c bistre (10 for 45c), used	.15	.05
$30 red, beauties	6.00	2.00
$50 bistre brown	1.50	.55
$1000 green & black	25.00	11.75
$100 yellow brown & black	6.00	2.40
Western Un. Tel. 1878 gray brown	4.00	.90
" " " 1881 green	2.50	.65
" " " 1891-2-3-4, each.	.25	.06
Postal 1905, blue on cream, rare	2.00	.30
" 1885, complete (4) set	.73	.15

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1861, 5c green	.60	.30
1861, 10c blue	1.00	.60
1863, 2c brown red, used	2.00	.70
10c blue, TEN, rare	7.00	3.30
10c blue, shades, unused	.15	.02
20c green, unused	.40	.18
1c orange, unused	1.00	.45
Hawaii 1859, 5c blue, No. 21	16.00	7.00
1864, 1c violet	.50	.15
1864, 2c vermilion	.40	.15
1864, 6c green	.60	.20
1864, 18c rose	1.25	.40
1882, 10c black	1.25	.50
1882, 15c brown	2.50	1.10
1883, 10c red brown	.25	.12
1883, 10c vermilion	1.25	.50
1883, 12c red lilac	2.50	1.10
1883, 25c violet	3.00	1.20
1883, 50c red	7.00	2.55
1883, $1.00 rose red	10.00	3.50
1889, 5c bk. blue, unused, o. g.	1.50	.60
1893, Prov. 1c purple, "	.20	.07
2c brown, "	.30	.10
6c green, "	.50	.20
10c black, "	.40	.15
12c black, "	.60	.20
12c lilac, "	5.00	2.20
25c violet, "	1.50	.55
2c rosy verm. "	3.50	1.50
10c verm., "	.40	.15
12c red lilac, No. 69, "	16.50	6.00
15c red br., "	.75	.35
18c rose, "	.60	.25
50c red, "	2.00	.55
$1.00 red, "	3.50	1.65
1894, 12c blue (Ship), "	.35	.17

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Antigua 1863, 1p vermilion	1.25	.40
1863, 6p green	1.25	.45
1882, 2½p brown	1.25	.45
1882, 4p blue	1.00	.35
1882, 6p green	2.50	.85
1886, 1sh violet	6.00	2.75
1903, 5sh unused	..	1.75
Austria 1908, 10 krona, rare	..	1.40
Barbados 1873, 6p vermilion	2.50	.90
1873, 1sh black	1.25	.50
1874, 4p scarlet	1.75	.60
1874, 6p orange	3.00	1.25
1874, 1sh purple	1.75	.75
1882, 3p magenta	1.00	.40
1882, 4p slate	.60	.20
1882, 1sh orange brown	1.00	.40
Bavaria 1850, 18kr yellow	2.00	.85
1862, 12kr green	.90	.45
1862, 18kr vermilion red	1.25	.50
British Columbia 1866, 3p blue	1.75	.75
1868, 2c brown	2.50	1.00
1868, 5c red	5.00	2.00
British Honduras 1865, 1p blue	1.50	.50
1865, 1sh green	4.00	1.60
1872, 3p brown	3.50	1.40
1879, 4p violet	1.25	.40
1888, 20c on 6p un. o.g.	1.25	.50
1888, 50c on 1sh gray, un. o.g.	3.00	1.45
1904, $1 green & car. un. o.g.	2.00	1.30
1904, $2 green & ultr. un. o.g.	4.00	2.60
1904 $5 green & blk. un. o.g.	8.50	6.00
Cape of G. H. 1863, 1p (triangular)	4.00	1.50
1868, 1sh green (triangular)	6.00	2.20
Canada 1855, 10p blue, fair margins	7.50	3.00
1857, 6p violet, extra margins	12.00	5.00
1857, 3p red No. 12	3.00	1.00
1859, 10c red lilac	1.00	.40
1859, 2c rose	1.25	.60
1859, 12½c green	.75	.35
1868, ½c black	.40	.15
1868, 6c brown	.60	.20
1875, 5c olive green	1.25	.58
1897, Jubilee ½c black, unused	.40	.17
1897, Jubilee 6c brown, unused	1.00	.45
1897, Jubilee 8c, 10c or 15c un.		.25
1897, Jubilee 20c verm., used	.60	.25
1897, Jubilee $1, $2, $3, $4, & $5, un'd o.g. the set of 5 at face		15.00
1897, Maple Leaf 6c brown	.15	.07
1897, Maple Leaf 8c or'ge	.08	.04
1898 numeral 6c brown	.25	.12
1898 numeral 8c orange	.15	.07
1902 numeral 7c ol. yellow	.12	.05
Quebec Jub., 15c yellow	.35	.14
Quebec Jub., 20c brown	.35	.14
Registered 8c blue	2.50	1.20
Ceylon 1900 1r 50c rose un. o.g.	1.75	.80
1900, 2r 25c blue un. o.g.	3.00	1.50
Chile 1862, 1c lemon yellow	2.50	.95
1862, 20c green	3.75	1.40
1892, 1 peso	.15	.06
China 1878, 1c green	1.75	.75
1878, 3c red	.50	.20
1878, 5c yellow	.75	.35
1897, 20c maroon, unused, o.g.	.60	.20
1897, 30c carmine rose, un'd o.g.	.75	.30
Danish West Indies 1855, 3c rose	.65	.30
1873, 7c unused, o. g.	.50	.20
1873, 12c unused, o. g.	.25	.12
1873, 14c, unused, o. g.	15.00	4.95
1873, 50c, unused o. g.	1.25	.55
1887, 1c on 7c	1.00	.35
1895, 10c on 50c, unused	.40	.17
East Africa & Ug. 1903, 2r un. o.g.	2.00	1.00
1903, 3r un. o. g.	3.50	2.00
1903, 5r un. o. g.	4.50	2.40
1903, 10r un. o. g.	7.50	3.95
Br. East Africa 1896, 4r lake un. o.g.	2.50	1.20
1896, 5r brown, un. o. g.	3.00	1.50
1898, 1r ultr., un. o. g.	1.50	.65
1898, 2r orange un. o. g.	2.50	1.20
1898, 3r violet un. o. g.	3.00	1.40
1898, 10r bistre, un. o. g.	7.50	4.00
Congo 1886, 25c blue, unused o. g.	.50	.20
1887, 50c brown, unused o. g.	.50	.20
1894, 5fr lake & black, un. o. g.	2.00	1.00
1898, 10fr green & blk, un. o. g.	4.00	2.00
Denmark 1870, 48sk, very fine	3.00	1.25
Official 1871, 16s green	1.00	.45
Newsp. 1907, 5 krona	.75	.25
Newsp. 1907, 10 krona	1.50	.40
Dominica 1874, 1p violet, un'd o. g.	1.75	.75
1879, ½ bistre, unused, o. g.	1.50	.55
1883, 2½ red brown, un'd o. g.	5.00	2.00
1883, 6p orange, un'd o. g.	2.50	.90
1903, 5sh un. o. g.	5.00	3.00
Dutch Indies due '82, 75c, un'd o.g.	.60	.25
1882, 50c, unused o. g.	.40	.18
Finland 1866, 5p purple brown	1.25	.45
1866, 8p green	.50	.20
1866, 10p yellow	1.25	.55
1866, 20p or 40p, each	.25	.12
1866, 1 mark yellow brown	6.25	3.10
1875, 8p yellow green	1.00	.40
France 1849, 15c green	4.00	1.65
1849, 40c orange	1.50	.50
1849, 1 franc carmine	1.50	.55
1852, 10c pale bistre	2.50	.90
1853, 1 franc lake	6.00	2.25
1863, 5 franc lilac	1.75	.90
Gt. Britain 1862, 9p straw	2.00	.80
1862, 1sh green	.60	.25
1865, 1sh green	.20	.08
1867, 9p bistre	1.50	.75
1867, 10p red brown	1.75	.75
1867, 2sh blue	.75	.30
1867, 5sh rose	2.00	.60
1872, 1sh green	.50	.20
1876, 8p orange	1.25	.50
1878, 10sh slate	9.00	4.00
1878, 1 pound lilac	14.00	6.00
1883, 5sh rose	.60	.20
1883, 10sh ultra.	1.50	.55

Gt. Britain	Scott's Catalog.	My price
1883, £1 br. violet	8.50	4.25
1896, £1 green	4.00	2.00
1901, £1 green	5.00	2.50
German China '98, 3-25pf comp (5)	.84	.40
Caroline 1899, 3-50pf complete (Nos. 1-6) unused	3.10	1.60
Gold Coast 1883, 1sh purple	.50	.20
2sh brown un. o. g.	2.00	.80
Guatemala 1872, 4r violet	3.00	1.50
1872, 1p orange	4.00	1.95
1897 Jub. 18c, unused	1.50	.55
1897, Jub. 1c-500c, set of 12		.60
1902, Official 1-25c, unused	1.37	.37
HONG KONG.		
1852 18c lilac	1.25	.45
1852 48c rose	3.00	1.40
1863 2c brown	.50	.20
1863 8c orange buff	.25	.10
1863 12c blue	.25	.10
1863 16c yellow	1.25	.60
1863 18c lilac	5.00	2.00
1863 24c green	.50	.20
1863 48c rose	1.00	.40
1863 96c gray	1.00	.45
1876 5c on 18c violet	1.50	.60
1876 5c on 8c orange	3.00	1.00
1876 10c on 12c blue	1.25	.50
1876 10c on 16c yellow	2.50	1.00
1876 10c on 24c green	1.25	.50
1876 16c on 18c dull violet	3.50	1.50
1885 20c on 30c vermilion	.50	.20
1885 50c on 48c brown	1.00	.40
1885 $1 on 96c gray	1.25	.50
1890 $1 on 96c brown	.50	.25
1896 10c on 30c green	.50	.20
1896 $1 on 96c black	.35	.18
1891 Jub. 2c unused o. g.	1.00	.40
1903 $1 olive & black unused, o. g.	2.00	.95
1903, $10 orange & blk. un'd o. g.	10.00	6.50
Ionian Is., complete (3), unused	4.75	2.50
Liberia 1885, 32c blue, unused	1.00	.35
1906 $1 rose and gray	1.25	.55
1906 Offic. $1 green & gray	1.25	.55
Lagos 1903, 6p vio.& red v. un. o.g.	4.00	1.75
1903, 1sh green & blk. un. o.g.	6.50	3.00
'03, 2sh 6p gr'n & car. un.o.g.	20.00	10.00
Leeward '02, 1sh gr'n & car. un. o.g.	.60	.40
1902, 5sh green & ultr. un. o.g.	3.00	1.75
Nova Scotia 1851, 1p red brown	10.00	4.00
1851, 3p blue	2.00	.95
1851, 1sh reddish violet	90.00	43.00
Porto Rico 1890, 4m unused	1.25	.35
1890, 6m dark brown, unused	4.00	1.40
1890, 8m bistre, unused	8.00	2.50
Portugal, 1853, 50r green	4.50	2.00
1855, 100R lilac	1.50	.60
1862, 100R lilac	1.50	.60
Switzerland 1855, 1 franc	1.50	.60
Samoa 1899, ½p-2sh 6d, un'd,8 var.	2.70	.80
Saxony 1855, 5 n. g. red	1.00	.45
1855, 10 n. g. blue	7.50	3.50
So. Nigeria 1901, 2sh 6p un. o.g.	3.25	1.60
1901, 5sh yel. & blk. un. o. g.	6.25	3.00
1901 10sh violet & blk. un. o.g.	7.50	3.75
Somaliland Prot. 1902, 3R un. o.g.	2.75	1.50
1902, 5R un. o. g.	4.25	2.50
Transvaal 1904, £1 violet & gr'n	6.00	2.00

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U. S. STAMP BOOKS.

By H. L. WILEY.

The following "Base List" includes the fifteen major varieties of U. S. postage stamps which have been issued in stamp booklets. It will be noted that the terms used by the Bureau have been followed in designating the issues.

BASE LIST.

ONE CENT.

No.	Den.	Issue	Wmk.	Perf.	Plate
202A.14	1c	1902	D.L.	12	180
208A.14	1c	1908	D.L.	12	180
208A.142	1c	1908	D.L.	12	360
208A.24	1c	1908	S.L.	12	360
212A.14	1c	1912	S.L.	12	360
212A.15	1c	1912	S.L.	10	360

TWO CENT.

No.	Den.	Issue	Wmk.	Perf.	Plate
194B.24	2c	1894	D.L.	12	360
194B.242	2c	1894	D.L.	12	180
202B.14	2c	'02 Flag	D.L.	12	180
202B.24	2c	'02 Shield	D.L.	12	180
208B.14	2c	1908	D.L.	12	180
208B.142	2c	1908	D.L.	12	360
208B.24	2c	1908	S.L.	12	360
212B.14	2c	1912	S.L.	12	360
212B.15	2c	1912	S.L.	10	360

The various issues since 1900 are summarized in Table A. This table is made up from data supplied through the courtesy of the Director and from the annual reports of the Post Office Department and those of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Various details have not been verified and the table is presented subject to correction by any philatelist who discovers an error.

The following list of plate numbers used in printing booklet issues has been supplied, in slightly different form, through the kindness of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

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TABLE B.

LIST OF PLATE NUMBERS.

1c Series of 1902.

Plates of 180 Subjects.

DOUBLE LINED WATERMARK.

Plate No.	1st Printing	Plate No.	1st Printing
3339	1-8-1907	3479	11-26-1907
3340	"	3480	"
3341	"	3503	5-15-1908
3342	"	3508	"
3468	3-18-1907	3510	"
3469	"	3514	"
3471	"	4544	6-17-1908
3472	"	4550	"
3474	11-26-1907	4557	"
3475	"		

TABLE A.

No. of Plates Used.	Den.	Series.	Wmk.	Perf.	No. of Subjects to Plate.	Date of First Printing of First Plate.	Date of First Printing of Last Plate.	"Life" of Issue in Mos.	Approximate No. of Stamps Issued.
19	1c	1902	D. L.	12	180	1-18-1907	6-17-1908	18	102,000,000
12	1c	1908	D. L.	12	180	11-17-1908	7-12-1909	8	300,000,000
4A	1c	1908	D. L.	12	360	10- 5-1909	8-22-1910E	10	100,000,000
8	1c	1908	S. L.	12	360	2-23-1911	4- 1-1911	2	140,000,000
24B	1c	1912	S. L.	12	360	12-14-1911	12-15-1913F	24	400,000,000
?	1c	1912	S. L.	10	360	12-15-1913F	TO DATE	7	110,000,000
8	2c	1894	D. L.	12	360	3- 7-1900	9-23-1901	18	160,000,000
12	2c	1894	D. L.	12	180	12-30-1901	11-17-1902	11	200,000,000
24	2c	'02 flag	D. L.	12	180	1-19-1903	10-27-1903	9	150,000,000
26S	2c	'02 sh'ld	D. L.	12	180	12-18-1903	10-14-1908	58	1,270,000,000
32	2c	1908	D. L.	12	180	10-23-1908	7-24-1909	9	258,000,000
12C	2c	1908	D. L.	12	360	5-12-1909	4-25-1910	11	200,000,000
7	2c	1908	S. L.	12	360	1-31-1911	12- 1-1911	12	500,000,000
44D	2c	1912	S. L.	12	360	12-14-1911	12-15-1913F	24	600,000,000
?	2c	1912	S. L.	10	360	12-15-1913F	TO DATE	7	200,000,000

A. Also printed on S. L. wmk. paper.
B. Including No. 6892, first printed 2-24-1914.
C. 8 later plates of this 12 also printed on S. L. wmk. paper.
D. Includes No. 6822, first printed 4-7-1914.
E. Not verified. The S. L. wmk. was first used on 8-22-1910.
F. Approximate only. The 10 perforation appeared about Jan., 1914.

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8 Soudan	05	4 Nigeria	08	10 Guatemala	09
4 Malta	05	5 Cyprus	05	6 Indo-China	05
6 Crete	05	5 Panama	13	6 Hong-Kong	05
7 Siam	15	6 Reunion	05	6 Philippines	04
7 Macao	10	6 Bosnia	05	25	40
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10 Greece	05	20 Denmark	07	15 Argentine	11
40 France	10	25 "	13	17 Mexico	09
25 Italy	04	20 Portugal	06	17 Trinadad	13
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DOUBLE LINED WATERMARK.

Plate No.	1st Printing	Plate No.	1st Printing
4867	11-17-1908	5034	5-11-1909
4869	"	5035	"
4870	"	5037	7-12-1909
4877	"	5038	"
5029	5-11-1909	5040	"
5030	"	5041	"

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Plates of 360 Subjects.
DOUBLE LINED WATERMARK.

5263	10-5-1909	5267	10-5-1909
5264	"	5268	"

SINGLE LINED WATERMARK.

5447	2-23-1911	5455	4-1-1911
5449	"	5457	"
5452	"	5460	"
5454	"	5463	"

1c Series of 1912.
Plates of 360 Subjects.
SINGLE LINED WATERMARK.

5741	12-14-1911	6355	9-17-1913
5744	"	6363	"
5748	1-22-1912	6364	"
5750	12-14-1911	6369	"
5753	7-26-1912	6695	1-16-1914
5757	12-14-1911	6697	"
5762	7-26-1912	6707	"
5768	"	6710	"
5776	1-16-1913	6872	2-24-1914
6076	"	6879	"
6079	"	6884	"
6086	"	6892	"

NOTE.—About December, 1913, the perforation used in these stamp books was changed from 12 to 10.

2c Series of 1894.
Plates of 360 Subjects.
DOUBLE LINED WATERMARK.

988	3-7-1900	1008	9-23-1901
989	"	1009	"
990	"	1010	"
991	"	1011	"

2c Series of 1894.
Plates of 180 Subjects.
DOUBLE LINED WATERMARK.

1324	12-30-1901	1370	4-12-1902
1325	"	1371	"
1326	"	1489	11-17-1902
1327	"	1490	"
1368	4-12-1902	1491	"
1369	"	1492	"

2c Series of 1902.
"FLAG" TYPE.
Plates of 180 Subjects.
DOUBLE LINED WATERMARK.

1582	1-19-1903	1688	7-1-1903
1583	"	1689	"
1584	"	1690	"
1585	"	1691	"
1594	3-7-1903	1769	9-18-1903
1595	"	1770	"
1596	"	1771	"
1597	"	1772	"
1664	5-7-1903	1845	10-27-1903
1665	"	1846	"
1666	"	1847	"
1667	"	1848	"

2c Series of 1902.
"SHIELD" TYPE.
Plates of 180 Subjects.
DOUBLE LINED WATERMARK.

Plate No.	1st Printing	Plate No.	1st Printing
1889	12-18-1903	2781	12-14-1905
1890	"	2782	"
1891	"	2783	"
1892	"	2784	"
1949	1-16-1904	2879	1-26-1906
1950	"	2880	"
1951	"	2881	"
1952	"	2882	"
2009	2-23-1904	2923	2-15-1906
2010	"	2924	"
2011	"	2925	"
2012	"	2926	"
2109	3-18-1904	2931	2-16-1906
2110	"	2932	"
2111	"	2933	"
2112	"	2934	"
2121	6-4-1904	2955	3-23-1906
2122	"	2956	"
2123	"	2957	"
2124	"	2958	"
2233	8-18-1904	3011	3-28-1906
2234	"	3012	"
2235	"	3013	"
2236	"	3014	"
2302	10-17-1904	3019	5-7-1906
2303	"	3020	"
2304	"	3021	"
2305	"	3022	5-28-1906
2371	12-24-1904	3023	5-7-1906
2372	"	3025	5-28-1906
2373	"	3027	"
2374	"	3028	"
2375	1-27-1905	3030	7-16-1906
2376	"	3031	"
2377	"	3032	"
2378	"	3033	"
2411	2-27-1905	3196	9-11-1906
2412	"	3197	"
2413	"	3198	"
2414	"	3199	"
2467	4-3-1905	3215	10-8-1906
2496	4-23-1905	3216	"
2497	"	3219	"
2498	"	3221	"
2499	"	3235	10-13-1906
2504	4-1-1905	3236	"
2505	"	3237	"
2506	"	3238	11-7-1906
2507	"	3240	"
2548	5-15-1905	3241	"
2549	"	3242	"
2550	"	3299	12-12-1906
2551	"	3300	"
2600	6-27-1905	3302	"
2601	"	3303	1-7-1907
2602	"	3307	12-12-1906
2603	"	3308	1-7-1907
2604	8-11-1905	3311	"
2605	"	3312	"
2606	"	3354	1-24-1907
2607	"	3355	"
2713	9-7-1905	3359	"
2714	"	3360	"
2715	"	3387	2-6-1907
2716	"	3388	"
2769	10-26-1905	3397	"
2770	"	3398	"
2771	"	3405	2-18-1907
2772	"	3406	"

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1899	Zanzibar, ½a green & red	.04
1899	Zanzibar, 1a indigo & red	.06
1899	Zanzibar, 2a brown & red	.06
1899	Zanzibar, 2½a ultramarine & red	.08
1899	Zanzibar, 3a slate & red	.10
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341a	5c black, red & green (Maro)....	..	1.50
342	1c green on cover	..	.25
342	1c green, 5 on one cover	..	1.00
343	2c violet, strip of 3 on cover....	..	1.25
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344a	5c brown with coupon, on cover	..	1.25
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50c " "	.25	.09
$1 1913 pre-can. Phila	.40	.18
50c " "	.15	.06
$1 red Parcel Post	1.00	.68
50c " "	.50	.23
Parcels Post Dues 1, 2, 5c fine	..	.15
" " " 10c fine	..	.15
Straits Sett. 1908, $5 gr. & red. good postal can	3.00	1.35
Straits Sett. 1912, $5 gr. & red. King Geo. post.can	..	1.25
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Costa Rica 1901, 5* & 10*cols. two scarce stamps	13.50	5.43
Newfoundland 1876, 3c blue	1.00	.39
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Canada 1897, $2 purple Jubilee, dirt cheap	1.50	.58
Transvaal 1895, 5sh slate*	12.00	2.55
" 10sh brown*	8.00	2.35
Dominican Rep. 1899, 1p blue*	2.50	1.20
" 2p brown*	4.50	2.20
Japan 1906, 1¼s blue Jub.*	.60	.25
" 3s red Jub.*	.75	.37
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Plate No.	1st Printing	Plate No.	1st Printing
3409	"	4052	1-28-1908
3410	"	4057	"
3413	2-25-1907	4061	"
3414	"	4062	"
3421	"	4106	2-7-1908
3422	"	4107	"
3436	4-1-1907	4108	"
3437	"	4109	"
3443	"	4114	2-26-1908
3444	"	4115	"
3449	5-23-1907	4118	"
3450	5-2-1907	4120	"
3459	"	4223	3-21-1908
3460	"	4230	"
3464	"	4231	"
3521	5-23-1907	4235	"
3525	"	4239	3-28-1908
3526	"	4242	"
3531	6-11-1907	4247	"
3532	6-4-1907	4248	"
3549	"	4275	4-8-1908
3550	"	4279	"
3553	"	4283	"
3636	6-11-1907	4289	"
3637	"	4357	4-30-1908
3638	"	4358	"
3639	"	4363	"
3645	6-28-1907	4364	"
3646	"	4367	5-9-1908
3647	"	4368	"
3648	7-16-1907	4374	5-19-1908
3661	"	4375	5-9-1908
3662	"	4379	"
3664	"	4382	5-19-1908
3666	7-17-1907	4418	"
3667	"	4423	5-27-1908
3669	"	4430	5-19-1908
3670	"	4435	5-27-1908
3673	8-28-1907	4439	"
3733	"	4441	6-11-1908
3734	"	4442	"
3739	"	4443	6-8-1908
3740	10-18-1907	4444	6-11-1908
3753	9-24-1907	4445	5-27-1908
3754	"	4446	6-11-1908
3755	"	4451	6-8-1908
3756	"	4457	"
3762	10-18-1907	4464	"
3763	"	4451	7-10-1908
3766	"	4453	6-17-1908
3810	10-21-1907	4558	7-10-1908
3814	"	4564	"
3817	"	4570	"
3819	"	4577	7-27-1908
3822	12-9-1907	4580	"
3923	10-4-1907	4584	"
3924	9-18-1907	4590	"
3928	11-15-1907	4594	8-31-1908
3997	12-13-1907	4598	"
3999	"	4602	"
4001	"	4607	"
4002	"	4729	10-14-1908
4003	1-16-1908	4751	"
4004	"	4755	"
4007	"	4760	"
4008	"		

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DOUBLE LINED WATERMARK.

4803	10-23-1908	5042	5-18-1909
4804	10-26-1908	5043	"
4805	"	5047	"
4806	"	5048	"
4808	11-6-1908	5088	7-22-1909
4826	"	5090	5-19-1909
4832	"	5095	7-22-1909
4836	11-5-1908	5096	5-19-1909
4947	2-26-1909	5099	"
4950	"	5104	"
4953	"	5106	7-23-1909
4955	"	5108	"
4963	3-27-1909	5112	"
4964	"	5113	"
4965	"	5139	7-24-1909
4970	"	5154	"

2c Series of 1908.

Plates of 360 Subjects.

DOUBLE LINED WATERMARK.

5130	5-12-1909	5448	4-19-1910
5261	10-5-1909	5450	"
5262	"	5451	4-25-1910
5266	"	5456	"
5445	4-19-1910	5458	"
5446	"	5459	"

SINGLE LINED WATERMARK.

Plate No.	1st Printing	Plate No.	1st Printing
5461	1-31-1911	5467	4-11-1911
5462	4-11-1911	5469	12-1-1911
5464	"	5472	"
5466	"		

2c Series of 1912.

Plates of 360 Subjects.

SINGLE LINED WATERMARK.

5756	12-14-1911	6116	2-26-1913
5761	"	6119	"
5767	"	6554	6-4-1913
5772	"	6559	"
5778	3-26-1912	6560	"
5783	"	6561	"
5786	"	6562	9-18-1913
5793	"	6563	"
5844	6-24-1912	6564	"
5937	"	6565	"
5938	"	6696	11-24-1913
5939	"	6701	"
5941	8-26-1912	6702	"
5942	9-13-1912	6708	"
5943	8-26-1912	6709	2-18-1914
5947	"	6711	"
6047	12-11-1912	6712	"
6053	"	6714	"
6057	"	6801	4-7-1914
6061	"	6803	"
6112	2-26-1913	6813	"
6113	"	6822	"

NOTE.—About December, 1913, the perforation used in these stamp books was changed from 12 to 10.

PARCEL POST CONVENTION BETWEEN U. S. AND FRENCH GUIANA.

Office of Second Asst. P. M. Gen.,
WASHINGTON, Sept. 21, 1914.

A parcel post convention having been concluded between the United States and the French Colony of French Guiana, to take effect Nov. 1, 1914, parcel post packages for destinations in French Guiana will be admitted on and after that date to the mails for said colony made up in and dispatched from this country.

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Parcel post packages for French Guiana can not be registered.

The parcel post regulations on pages 141 to 146 of the Postal Guide for July 1, 1914, apply to parcel post packages for or from French Guiana.

Parcel post mails for French Guiana will be made up at the post offices of New York, N. Y., and San Juan, Porto Rico. Postmasters will cause due notice of the foregoing to be taken at their offices.

JOSEPH STEWART,
2nd Asst. P. M. Gen.

BUTLER, PA., PHILATELIC ACTIVITY.

The Butler Philatelic Society was organized Jan. 28, 1914, with eight charter members, including several members of the A. P. S. The officers of the Society at present are; Arthur B. Port, Pres., Ed. L. Smith, Vice-Pres., Roy F. Regal, Sec., and M. S. Karlitsky, Treas. We have twelve members at present and expect to have a good, live membership in the near future, as there are about fifty stamp collectors in Butler. All stamp collectors in or near Butler are invited to attend the meetings. Full information upon application to Sec. Roy F. Regal, 708 Fairview Ave., Butler, Pa.

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1899	2c die A (4)	.50	.65
1899	2c die C (4)	.75	.75
1899	4c die A & C (4)	.25	.30
1899	5c die A (2)	.15	.20
1903	4c die A (2)	.15	.20
1907	2c brown die A & B (8)	.30	.40
1907	2c car. A, B, C & D white	.15	.25
1907	2c carm. A, B, C & D amb.	.25	.40
1907	2c carm. A, B & C blue	.12	.15
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Cat. No.				Cat. pr.	My pr.
68	1861	10c	green	.25	.12
77	1862	15c	black	1.00	.50
96	1867	10c	green	1.00	.50
138	1870	7c	grilled	4.00	2.00
139	1870	10c	grilled	10.00	5.00
148	1870-71	6c	National	.20	.10
149	1870-71	7c	National	.75	.38
150	1870-71	10c	National	.25	.12
151	1870-71	12c	National	.60	.30
152	1870-71	15c	National	.75	.38
159	1873	6c	Continental	.10	.05
160	1873	7c	Continental	.75	.38
162	1873	12c	Continental	.60	.30
165	1873	30c	Continental	.50	.25

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* 5	Niger Coast 5d lilac & blue	.60	.35
* 25	Sierra Leone 1½d violet	.25	.12
* 19	Seychelles 36 on 45 brn & car	1.75	.90
* 34	St. Helena ½d green	.12	.07
* 35	St. Helena 1d red	.25	.15
* 36	St. Helena 2d yellow	.20	.12
* 39	St. Helena 1½d brn. & green	.12	.07
* 40	St. Helena 2½d blue	.20	.15
* 23	Cape G.H.½d gray blk (CC)	.50	.25
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

On The March—We have been informed that a number of our readers in Canada, Great Britain and other countries have gone to the front. We can only hope that they will return unscathed to their albums. Continental publications seem to be suspended as we have received no stamp papers from France or Germany for some time. The English papers with the exception of the *Monthly Journal* are appearing almost as usual, and as might be imagined, the shadow of war is over their columns.

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As Usual Here—In America the effect of the war so far as surface indications are to be read is slight and there is no appreciable sign that the activities of buyers are curbed. As we said before, the market is not straining at all to absorb the stamps that are being thrown on it; and it is noticeable that the largest dealers are making cordial overtures to those who have good stamps to market. We may say conscientiously that there is not a tremor of uncertainty shown in the minds of collectors over the stability of stamp conditions, so far as our range of observation extends.

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EUGENE KLEIN, 142 So. 15th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Too Severe—A reader writes: "Say, can not you do something to mitigate the horrors of war as reflected in the stamp press under prophecies of territorial adjustments when the conflict is over. It is our idea of the misfitness of things to hear a fat-witted philatelic editor flounder about in guessing at the results that may be expected in a geographical sense. The effrontery of some of those 'ye editor' fellows passeth all understanding and if there is anything more irritating than to wade through predictions of 'prophets' anywhere, I cannot name it." Why so truculent, ungentle reader? Editors of high and low degree are making these guesses without exciting their readers unduly and it seems to us that philatelic editors are equipped by training to have a fair idea at least of political and geographical possibilities the world over; and of all persons they have some justification for entering into the guessing contests. Our correspondent's strictures are made with a vigor out of all keeping with the importance of the subject he tilts at.

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False One—Mr. A. Roterberg, Chicago, has given us two copies each on the original envelope of the G. C. M. monogram surcharges on the Mexico five centavos, and one of the surcharges is forged even though the stamp bearing it did full postal duty. The counterfeit surcharge may be told by the variation in the curl of the last downward stroke of the M in comparison with that in the genuine impression. The forgery was committed with the intention of deceiving the postal authorities more than philatelists.

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Condemned—From Mr. William C. Michaels, Kansas City, Mo., we have received the following information: "I have not seen in any of the stamp papers anything regarding the proclamation of the Postmaster General of the 'Constitutionalista' regarding the forging of the five cent 'Transitorio' stamps. I enclose herewith a clipping from 'La Voz de Cananea,' signed by the local postmaster at Cananea, Sonora, of the 'Constitutionalistas' setting forth the proclamation of El Administrador Principal de Correos." Circular Number 15, dated at Cananea, July 30th, 1914, calls attention to a counterfeit "Correos Mexico Transitorio" stamp, the five centavos; and it is ordered that all mail matter bearing these forgeries be removed because of the invalidity of these stamps. The public is advised to use the new issue. The employment of the ten centavos cut in half for provisional use as five centavos is prohibited by the document which is signed, "El Administrador de Correos, J. Pesqueira."

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Opposition—There are many protests being voiced against the provisions of the war tax measure and interests that are marked for taxation are organizing opposition to the act; and we hear that there is a movement by the real estate men of the large cities to oppose the levy of a stamp tax on contracts, deeds and other instruments that enter so extensively in the business. New revenue stamp issues would be welcomed by many collectors who remember how interest in this class of stamps was stimulated in 1898 by the issue of general issue revenue stamps as well as private proprietary stamps later.

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Time Told—A correspondent says: "Some time ago, or in 1912, I purchased a block of the eight cent olive green No. 349, which was a very dark olive green. A few months ago, I purchased some eight cent stamps at the local post office which were of a decided yellow olive green and these I placed in my album alongside the dark olive green and the contrast between the two shades was very strong. Not having looked at my stamps for a month or so, I decided yesterday to take a peep at them and you may imagine my surprise when I found both of my eight cent blocks were of the same shade, yellow olive green. I could, however, trace signs of dark olive green in the borders of my first block. This is just another argument to be careful about the green shades as well as the lilacs."

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Early This Year—We wish to commend the publishers of the standard catalogue upon their intention to issue the seventy-third edition of the catalogue on October first. In previous years the publishers have been called to account for the delay in the appearance of the catalogue and have been charged with retarding business by the lateness in the season when the new edition was distributed. It is fortunate that this year there will be nothing to disturb conditions on this score.

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As To Counterfeits—The inquiry has come: "Will you please publish the law against counterfeiting of foreign stamps in this country? Tell me, too, is it permitted to make fac-similes of obsolete foreign stamps, in case it is illegal to reproduce those that are still good for postage?" The only information at hand in answer to the foregoing question is embraced in Title LXX, Ch. V, Section 5,465, of the revised statutes of the United States, as follows: "Any person who shall forge or counterfeit, or knowingly utter or use any forged or counterfeited postage stamp of any foreign government, shall be punished by imprisonment at hard labor of not less than two nor more than ten years." We believe that there are other regulations covering the subject and we should be pleased to learn of them from any reader who is in a position to inform us.

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MORE SONORAS.

We have received from W. J. Stanton the following reference to some new Sonora stamps and we quote from his letter:—

"I have a complete sheet each of the 5 centavo and 10 centavo, second issue of Sonora, with green seal, that I have not seen in any of the check lists of this issue, and believe it is a new variety.

In the 5 centavo the setting does not follow any of the check lists, and the lists do not give the large figure of value rouletted all around in black. In the 10 centavo the setting is entirely different from any given in the lists, and the only roulette given for this value is colorless roulette. Can you throw any light on these two values as given above?"

It is very evident that the stamps in question are those referred to in Mr. Poole's article of Sept. 26. We sent Mr. Stanton's letter to George W. Linn, a student of Sonora stamps, and received the following in reply:—

"Your letter regarding new Sonoras at hand. I had already written Mr. Severn about this issue and recent developments as reported in the newspapers bear out my opinion on the matter and show us that these stamps are the result of a new revolution against Carranza.

The issue consists of a 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10c value. The 1, 2 and 3c are of same style as former issue. The 5c is like the last 5c with green seal but has the heavy thick figure five as used on the first white issue instead of the thin figure five. The 10c is like the old green seal 10c except that it is rouletted in black lines the same as the other values.

A careful examination and study of this set shows clearly that the original type forms for five stamps as used in the former printings of the green seal stamps have been left standing and have been again used in their original state. The errors in the black portion of the printing and the spacing of the lines in the black are so near identical with the other printings that this must be the case. I would also say the same of the red forms. I know for a fact that some of these stamps were printed some two or three months ago. Of course the 5c and 10c values are so different from the other 5c and 10c stamps that we need no method of distinguishing them from the earlier issues and only need a way to tell them one from the other in plating and this is quite easy.

I believe that one little point only, which does not show on any other of the five stamps will cause less confusion to the collector who wants to separate these stamps for plating.

5c black red and green, rouletted in black lines on soft white wove paper. Unwatermarked.

Stamp No. A—Z in Marzo is inverted. This shows in all values, 1 to 10c.

Stamp No. B—O in Centavos at left is a cypher.

Stamp No. C—O in Cinco at left is a cypher.

Stamp No. D—C of Centavos at right is wrong font.

Stamp No. E—This stamp has no errors in it.

10c black red and green, rouletted in black lines on soft white wove paper. Unwatermarked.

Stamp No. A—Z in Marzo is inverted.

Stamp No. B—Both of the letters Z in Diez are wrong font.

Stamp No. C—1913 is printed !913. However, the ! is so worn that it appears like a solid perpendicular line. This can be distinguished from a figure 1 because the figure one has a serif on it.

Stamp No. D—C of Centavos at right is wrong font.

Stamp No. E—I of Diez at right is inverted. Sets higher than other letters.

The 1, 2 and 3c values can all be distinguished from the earlier printings by differences in the type but an easier and surer way is by the seals. The five seals are all different and most of them have become scratched or marked in such a way that they are easily distinguished one from another. In the former printings of these stamps the position of the green seals on all stamps was the same in all the printings except in the 5c lilac brown shade and in the 10c value. Both of these values come with the seals in their usual order and with the seals in a shifted position. To explain this we will take a sheet of one of the old printings and call the seals beginning at the left side of the sheet, Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Now on the two stamps above noted, from the former issue and on all values of this new issue the seals have been changed in this manner—Seal No. 1 has been placed on the last stamp in the row and seals No. 2, 3, 4, and 5 have been shoved over one stamp to the left. Thus the original position of the seals was

1 2 3 4 5

and the new position is

2 3 4 5 1

If collectors will take a full sheet of any of these issues and examine carefully they will find the following characteristics about the seals which will enable them to place any of these stamps correctly.

Seal No. 1. The ray running out from the cap at left side, nearest the center of the seal is on a line with the ray running out at the right. This is also true of seal No. 4 but seal No. 4 has a much larger white mountain shaped spot in the cap.

Seal No. 2 has a scratch running across the three chains which support the basin of the scales at the left side.

Seal No. 3, is scratched in several places in the left upper quarter section of same. These scratches will appear quite readily when one has examined several of the stamps.

Seal No. 4, besides the large mountain in the cap, has a rather heavy scratch at the edge in the left upper quarter section, also quite a dent in the outer line.

Seal No. 5. The lower ray which runs through the chains at right seems to turn slightly upwards.

There are many other little differences in these seals and a little study of a sheet will soon enable one to place any of these stamps accurately by the seals."

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Upon the taking over of the Mexican stamp office at Vera Cruz, by the U. S. Army, all regular revenue stamps of Mexican origin were surcharged "Gov. U.S.A." Tobacco and cigarette stamps were not so surcharged.

The Mexican law requires that the design of the revenue stamps, except for tobaccos, be changed on July 1st of each year. The U. S. Govt. printed a new series of stamps and put them on sale July 1st last. As the supply of stamps for boxes of cigars was about exhausted, these were also printed but were not put on sale until about the 1st of August.

Ordinarily there were four series of stamps issued by the Mexican Govt., but as some of the uses of these stamps seemed to merge, the U. S. Government printed only two series, ordinary revenue and Federal. The Ordinary is used for bills of sale, notes, legal papers, etc., and the Federal, for the collection of the Federal Tax for the support of the Mexican Government.

The stamps to date printed and sold by the U. S. are: Ordinary Rev., 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, 1p, 5p, 10p, 50p, 100p; Federal 1c, 5c, 25c, 1p, 5p, 10p, 50p.

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We are rightly pleased with the splendid issue of the Weekly that appeared last Saturday, reflecting as it does a remarkable stability in the stamp trade so far at least as the United States is concerned. Our issue consisted of twelve pages replete with advertising.

We shall follow this special number with another to be issued October 31. The month of October is always a good one with the stamp trade and the new Scott catalog will give added impetus to business.

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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

GUINEA.—The 1914 series of entires for this colony have just been received by Mr. Schachne.

Post Cards.

1c green and black on buff.
2c red and black on white.
1x1c green and black on buff.
2x2c red and black on white.

Letter Cards.

2½c dark lilac on yellow.
5c dark blue on white.
2½x2½c dark lilac on yellow.

HONDURAS.—Dr. Roy F. DeSart submits used specimens of the lithographed stamps of last year, showing new shades and curious varieties of printing. Pairs of the 2c rose show that the transfers were carelessly placed on the stone so that the designs do not square, either with each other, or with the perforations. Dr. DeSart sends specimens of the 5c, 6c and 10c lithographed stamps in new colors, the 5c being bright ultramarine, instead of dull blue; the 6c in purple, instead of purple black; and the 10c in brown, instead of blue.

Adhesives.

5c bright ultramarine.
6c purple.
10c brown.

Dr. DeSart gives the following list of split provisionals from Honduras:

1911—Vert. ½ of 5c.
Vert. ½ of 6c.
Diag. ½ of 6c.
1911—Vert. ½ of 10c.
Diag. ½ of 10c.
Diag. ½ of 2c on 1c (No. 141).
1911—Diag. ½ of 20c.
Vert. ½ of 20c.
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Diag. ½ of 6c.
Vert. ½ of 6c.
Diag. ½ of 20c.
1913—Diag. ½ of 10c on 2c.
Diag. ½ of 10c on 6c.
Diag. ½ of 10c on 50c.
Vert. ½ of 10c on 50c.
Horiz. ½ of 10c on 50c.
1914—change of color.
Diag. ½ of 10c brown.

According to Dr. DeSart's experience there are less of the 1913, 10c blue, to be had than some of the surcharges of 1913 yet the latter continue to be held at high prices.

The C. E. Hussman Co. sends specimens of new provisionals, the 5c carmine steamer type, overprinted "Oficial," having surcharged with two new values in black.

Provisional Adhesives.

"1 cent" on 5c carmine and black.
"2cts." on 5c carmine and black.

MEXICO.—Dr. Roy F. DeSart reports having seen a cover with a 4c regular postage stamp and a 1c postage due stamp making up the 5c required.

A. C. Roessler writes us as follows:—"The story on how to tell counterfeit G. C. M. overprints in Mex. federal stamps in New Issue dept. recently was quite inaccurate in several respects. To say the measurement is 15 mms. on one and 16 mms. on the other or that the loop of the g or m does that or this is all amateur work. Commonsense will explain the differences. The overprint is applied by a *rubber stamp*. Pressure or lack of it supplies the answer.

PAPUA.—Hermann Focke writes thus entertainingly of stamps Papuan:

"It is quite a while that the once famous Papua has fallen into oblivion, and even to-day there is nothing new of interest for the general collector. On the other hand it may interest the specialist that at last the 4d olive and the 2sh 6d carmine of the present issue have appeared with the letters "O S" perforated for official use, a letter-package received from Port Moresby under date of July 20, bearing these two stamps not previously chronicled.

"Whereas with the first 3 issues of Papua stamps the inverted watermark had been quite common, this is not the case with the present unicolored set, with the horizontal Crown over A watermark of the South Australian type. Here it is generally in a position reading from right to left, the reverse being extremely rare. Still, I have just received the 1d rose with the watermark from left to right (reversed) and besides have in my collection the ½d peagreen, 2d violet, 1sh yellow. Ewen, who makes a specialty of these varieties, only mentions, as set No. 27, the ½d and 2d values so that the 1d and 1sh values should now be added to the list; of the former I have 8 and of the latter 3 copies."

[CHAP. 770.]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE TAXATION OF TRANSFERS OF STOCK.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby imposed and there shall immediately accrue and be collected an excise as herein provided on all sales or agreements to sell or memoranda of sales or deliveries or transfers of shares or certificates of stock in any domestic or foreign corporation made after the first day of December, nineteen hundred and fourteen, whether made upon or shown by the books of the corporation, or by any assignment in blank, or by any delivery, or by any paper or agreement or memorandum or other evidence of transfer or sale, whether or not entitling the holder in any manner to the benefit of such stock or to secure the future payment of money or the future transfer of any stock, on each one hundred dollars of face value or fraction thereof, two cents. * * *

The payment of the said excise shall be denoted by an adhesive stamp or stamps affixed as follows: in case of sale where the evidence of transfer is shown only by the books of the company, the stamp shall be placed upon the said books; and where the change of ownership is by transfer of a certificate the stamp shall be placed upon the certificate; and in cases of an agreement to sell, or where the transfer is by delivery of the certificate assigned in blank, there shall be made and delivered by the seller to the buyer a bill or memorandum of sale, to which the stamp provided for by this act shall be affixed; and every such bill or memorandum of sale or agreement to sell shall show the date thereof, the name of the seller, the amount of the sale, and the matter or thing to which it refers, and no further excise is hereby imposed upon the delivery of the certificate of stock, or upon the actual issue of a new certificate when the original certificate of stock is accompanied by the duly stamped memorandum of sale as herein provided.

SECTION 2. No person, firm, association or corporation, other than a corporation organized under the banking laws of this state or under the national bank act of the United States, or a duly authorized agent of the tax commissioner, shall sell or offer or expose for sale any stamp issued pursuant to this act, without first obtaining from the tax commissioner his written consent, except that in connection with a sale of, or agreement to sell, stock a broker or agent of the principal making such sale or agreement to sell may supply and affix the stamp or stamps required by this act. No person shall sell any such stamp for a sum less than the face value thereof without the written consent of the tax commissioner. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. Adhesive stamps for the purpose of paying the excise provided for by this act shall be prepared by the tax commissioner, in such form, and of such denominations and in such quantities as he may from time to time prescribe, and shall be sold by him to the person or persons desiring to purchase the same. He shall make provision for the sale of such stamps in such places and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary.

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SECTION 5. The tax commissioner is hereby directed to make and execute in behalf of the commonwealth contracts for dies, plates and printing necessary for the manufacture of the stamps provided for by this act. He shall be the custodian of the stamps, dies, plates or other material or thing used in the manufacture of the said stamps, and all expenses incurred by him in carrying out the provisions of this act shall be paid from sums appropriated for that purpose.

SECTION 6. If any such stamp shall be affixed to any memorandum of sale with the intention of paying an excise, but delivery pursuant to the sale shall not be made in conformity with the memorandum, then such stamp may be removed from the memorandum and subsequently used on some other memorandum of sale; *provided*, that when so used there shall be attached to the memorandum, to which said stamp shall be so affixed, a written statement signed by the vendor or the agent making the sale, setting forth in detail the facts justifying such re-use.

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SECTION 11. If any stamps shall have been affixed erroneously to any book, certificate of stock or bill or memorandum of sale, the tax commissioner, upon presentation of a claim for the amount of such stamps, and upon the production of evidence satisfactory to him that such stamps were affixed erroneously so as to cause loss to the persons making the claim by the said amount, or such part thereof as he may allow, shall certify to the auditor the amount so erroneously paid, and the treasurer and receiver general shall pay said amount without any further act or resolve making appropriation therefor. * * *

SECTION 14. The excise provided for by this act shall accrue and be payable on and after the first day of December in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen; but for all other purposes this act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved July 7, 1914.*]—Massachusetts "Acts of 1914."

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Owing to the withdrawal of the U. S. Forces from Vera Cruz the office of the Vera Cruz Stamp Co. has been closed. Mail addressed to Ft. Crook, Neb., will reach the manager.

—Any lover of philatelic publications desirous of obtaining a library either in whole or in part will do well to communicate with Edwin B. Hill, Granite Reef, Mesa, Arizona.

—After one year of existence on the troubled sea of philatelic journalism, *Stamp Collecting*, the latest English stamp weekly, has been compelled to temporarily suspend publication. In his valedictory the editor states that the paper will be revived at as early a date as is possible. The war is working sad havoc with the philatelic publications of England, France and Germany.

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"Your letter of September 18th is received. Some months since, at the instance of peace societies of this country, preliminary steps were taken looking to the issuance of peace postage stamps. However, since the outbreak of war in Europe, and at the request of members of peace organizations, action in the matter has been suspended and the whole question is held in abeyance."

NEWARK CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

At the meeting of the Newark Stamp Club, in its new rooms, 33 Court street, on Friday evening, Sept. 18, President Roessler exhibited a proof of the Mexican revenue stamps used by the American military authorities in Vera Cruz. The stamps are attached to bills of lading, legal documents, etc., and show payment of taxes and duty.

There are six denominations, and each stamp has the initials, "U. S. A." It was announced that these are the first stamps issued by a foreign government bearing the United States imprint, though in the case of the present Philippine stamps, which are engraved and printed in Washington, D. C., the inscription reads, "Philippine Islands, United States of America." In the case of the Vera Cruz revenues the workmanship is far different from the steel engraving of the Washington plant. The stamps are homely, of poor paper, crudely lithographed in dull colors and perforated, rouletted or imperforated, as suited the makers' convenience. There was need to issue the stamps quickly, and art was only a secondary matter.

Each stamp is in two parts, the lower being a small label, or "talon," as the Mexicans call them. The collector of customs attaches one part of the stamp to the document and retains the talon as a check on his accounts. His cash box must tally with a certain amount in talons and cash, upon the visit of an inspector.

At the Stamp Club's meeting the annual election of officers resulted in making A. C. Roessler president, H. A. Henckel vice president, E. W. Fuss secretary, H. T. Darlington treasurer and H. Planck sales manager. The club has about sixty members, and its meetings on the first and third Fridays of every month are open to all stamp collectors.

GERMAN SAMOA.

SURRENDER TO NEW ZEALAND.

Apia, the capital of German Samoa, surrendered on August 29th to an expeditionary force sent by the Governor of New Zealand.

The Samoan Islands in the Southern Pacific Ocean are midway between Fiji and the Penrhyn Islands, about 1600 miles north of Auckland, New Zealand. The largest of the islands are Savü, area 660 square miles. Upolu, 340 square miles, and Tutuila 54 square miles. Apia on the north coast of Upolu is the most important harbour. Mount Vaca overlooks both Apia and Vailma the home and burial place of Robert Louis Stevenson, on which a monument stands to his memory. From 1887 to 1900 Britain, Germany and the United States directed the native kingship, but the situation became so embarrassing that in early 1900, greatly to the regret of the Samoans, Gt. Britain withdrew her claims receiving recompense in other parts, and the United States withdrew from Islands west of Tutuila.

A provisional set of postage stamps was issued in 1900, the German 1899 issue 3, 5, 10, 25 and 50pf being overprinted "Samoa." These were shortly superseded by a permanent issue in design, shewing the Imperial Yacht Hohenzollern, and comprised thirteen denominations:—3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf, 1, 2, 3, 5 marks.

What may we look for?—Stamp collectors live at present on the tip-toe of expectation. There is no knowing what interesting provisional varieties may be shortly issued and which Colonial territory or island will race to hold first place with such historic souvenirs.

Summary of what *may* be expected:—

Togo stamps overprinted British Togoland, ½d, 1d, etc.; or G.R.I., ½d, 1d, etc.; or Gold Coast stamps overprinted British Togoland.

Samoa stamps overprinted N.Z. Dominion, ½d, 1d, etc.; or N.Z. stamps overprinted Samoa Is.

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BOSTON, MASS., Sept. 15, 1914.

The 320th (regular) meeting was held at the Club Room this evening with 26 members and friends present. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Mr. Wm. G. Bail was elected Chairman pro-tem.

Mr. Dunning put in a plea for more new members and suggested that as he appeared to be the only member of the present Recruiting Committee, the President appoint some others to act with him. The matter was referred to the President.

The Secretary introduced Ex-President Willard O. Wylie as the speaker of the evening, who gave a very entertaining talk about his trip abroad the past summer and his experiences at the opening of the great European conflict in an endeavor to return home. A rising vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Wylie at its conclusion.

The Secretary gave a short talk on some new developments he had discovered in regard to the former sale of the 8½ cent Nova Scotia stamps.

The names of Dr. Henry J. Perry and Robert W. Carpenter were proposed for membership.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

SPECIALISM FOR THE MEDIUM COLLECTOR.

This being an age of specialism in every line, be it medicine, machinery, law, or postage stamps, the thoughts of collectors are turned more or less to the subject as related to stamp collecting. Nearly every mail brings letters asking advice as to what countries to collect, how to "specialize" and kindred questions. Having taken up the question of specialism from both sides, I believe I can throw some light on it. for those who seek to know.

In the first place, I would advise the general collector not to specialize if such action meant a sacrifice of his general collection. It is true that all collectors have certain countries or group of countries that receive more favor in their eyes than others. For instance, in America nearly every collector is interested more or less in United States stamps, as Chilian collectors are interested in Chilian stamps, and German collectors in German stamps, this feeling being largely due to patriotism. Collectors the world over seek to enlarge their collections of their favorite countries. However, the general collector pays some attention to all countries as he receives stamps from them, and in this way, he gradually learns the history, geography and general nature of all countries. His knowledge is not confined to any one section of the globe. In these days of varieties, even the collector of moderate means can gather a very nice representative assortment from all nations at little expense. To the non-collector, such an assortment is far more interesting than a highly specialized collection showing watermarks, perforations, shades, hair-lines, fly specks, thickness of paper, and other trivial details often invisible to the naked eye and sometimes existing only in the imagination of the possessor. If it is the collector's desire to break away from the beaten path of philately and dip beneath the surface of his favorite countries, into the watermark and perforations. let him do it, but not at a sacrifice of his other countries. Secure a blank album, and go at the specializing of your country but do not dispose of your general collection. Keep it. You may want to go back to it some time, to take up other countries, or maybe all countries. Besides, you will always receive stamps from countries you are not specializing. Better than throw these away, put them in the general collection. In summing up my argument, let me state that if you feel like specializing on one country, go ahead. Keep the other countries, though.

There is really nothing nicer for the beginner and medium collector than a general collection. As occasions of interest happen in the various parts of the earth, his interest can be increased by his stamps of these sections. At the present time, more or less attention is focused on the European countries, and accordingly their stamps are in the lime light. A good general collection is always interesting, as it never tires the collector. Before the writer took up specializing, he gathered a collection of ten thousand varieties. He found at times his interest turning to South Africa and accordingly accumulated the stamps of that part of the world. Later, the Oceanic colonies drew his attention, and so on, through the whole world. Any country, be it Colombian Republic (probably the least interesting of any to the general philatelist) or Ionian Islands (certainly the easiest to complete) will contribute to the fun of collecting if attention is directed to it. There is no country in the world that will not give the collector keen pleasure if he studies it. However, these pleasures are varied, so the collector who mixes his countries, gets more pleasure because of this variety. You remember how those curious Persian stamps struck your eye when you first looked at them, and the fun you had when you looked up the country and its other stamp issues? You recollect how you got all excited when your friend gave you a stamp from Orange Free State? If you were a small boy you hurried home and showed it to mother. Also, you no doubt can recall the time your Danish cook gave you that envelope with the Iceland stamps on it, which her brother sent her. You wondered at the time who could be in that barren place to write letters. If you were of a curious frame of mind, you investigated it, or asked father about it when he came home, and you learned that Iceland is south of Greenland, that it is an important Danish colony, and that its products are others besides polar bears and Iceland Moss. You used to take your album out at night, after supper, and before bed-time, and run through it, dreaming of the strange places these little messengers came from. You saw the Chinese junks as they lay on the moonlit waters. As you looked at Hawaii, you heard the sleepy lullaby of that tropical place and the waves that washed on the shores of that dreamy land. You saw the curious steamer on the river of Congo, the ant-eater of French Guiana, and in United States, you saw the old-fashioned locomotive on the 3c 1869 and the picture gallery on the different United States sets made you think of the great things these men had done for their country. Didn't you tell mother that night that you wished you could grow up and have your picture on a stamp like George Washington? Suppose you had made a fine collection of Nicaragua, for instance. Instead of seeing the different scenes and getting an insight into the mode of living of the various people on the earth, you would be confronted by an exhibition of the carelessness and shiftlessness of Central American printers. True, these inverted surcharges and misspelt words would be interesting and unique, and it would be sport to see how many kinds of them you could find, but would you get the same enjoyment from looking over stamps with surcharge normal, the same stamps with surcharge inverted, then with the error "valb" and finally with the period omitted, that you would from looking over the same value in stamps from different countries? I think not.

Most general collectors use a printed album. When the general collector specializes, it often means that he specializes only to the extent of completing the countries as out-lined in his album. Most albums contain spaces for all the stamps a representative collection should include and in the case of the International album, many spaces are included for even the less important varieties of watermark and shade, so the collector can use this album and still specialize to some extent. Such specialism as this should be encouraged, for while the collector is devoting his interests to the country in question, he will at the same time pay some attention to the other lands. Work on your favorite countries. Learn where to draw the line concerning varieties, however.

I have heard collectors say, "I cannot afford to collect everything," and "I can never get every stamp" and straightway they start to specialize, usually on United States. Of course, they cannot afford to collect every stamp, and could not get every one if they could afford to pay the price. Probably, Mr. Worthington and the King of England have about the finest private collections in existence, and they are not complete. All of these collectors could no doubt afford to buy any stamp needed for their collections. There are varieties of which only a very few copies and one of which only one copy are known to exist. With all their money, these collectors cannot each have one of these stamps. No, you can't get every stamp. Of course, since you can't get every stamp, specialize on United States. *Complete* collections of United States stamps are very common and only cost a good number of thousand dollars. Your chances of completing United States are quite as few as of completing the balance of the world. Also, a hundred dollars in United States stamps will bring fewer stamps at the present market price many times over than the same money invested in a general collection. They will be worth more, however.

From the foregoing the reader will understand my views on specialism. I believe in it only to a limited extent, that is, I believe that the beginner and medium collector should give his chief thought to general collecting, and specialize on the side. However, the advanced collector, after he has gathered a large general collection, should specialize.

I may appear inconsistent when I state that I collect twentieth century Western Hemisphere issues only. I have passed through my stage of general collecting, though unfortunately, I sold my original collection. In fact, I have sold many since then. If it were possible, I would buy back that original lot, with its damaged and fingered specimens, at half catalogue. Since I can't duplicate it, I must specialize to a certain extent. From interviews with specialists large and small, I know that I am not the only one who is sorry he disposed of his original collection. If circumstances permit me, I will take up the various groups of countries until I have another large collection, and while I limit myself to one group at a time, I cannot fail at times to buy and put away some stamp not in that group, because my thoughts are ever turning to my first introduction to stamps, which came shortly after I learned to read and write. If this article will help to keep some other collector from making my mistake, I will consider it work well done.

At an early date, I will take up the subject of specialism for the collector who feels that he wants to carry it on to a certain extent, and desires to know how to specialize, and how not to do it.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. W.—I do not know what value is placed on Consular Fee stamps. As a rule, they do not bring very much, and few collect them. No doubt your stamp would have some value to a collector of these.

The Mexican Constitutionalista surcharge you mention is really too new to place a value on. There are several different styles of this hand-stamp, used in various places, and rumors indicate that some will be very good. I would suggest that you hold your stamp for further developments. Scott 1915 lists the Sonora stamps, including the G. C. M. surcharge, so they will have a firm foundation.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

The Revenue Bill—From Mr. W. E. Marsh, we have received a copy of "A Bill—To increase the internal revenue, and for other purposes. By Mr. Underwood. September 21, 1914.—Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and order to be printed. September 22, 1914.—Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed." We need not say anything of the importance of the proposed legislation in a national sense; it is sufficient for us to consider the philatelic aspect that is given the bill through its provisions for adhesive stamps to represent the levy of the special taxes. It is safe to say that the bill as passed by the House will become a law without substantial changes, although no little opposition has developed to some of its terms.

Thorough—In reading the bill, one who remembers the revenue bill of the civil war period recognizes the present proposed enactment as a somewhat similar, though briefer, document, and by the same token the bill of 1914 is more embracive in its measures than the revenue bill called forth by the Spanish-American war of 1898. Under Schedule A of the bill, headed "Stamp Taxes," the instruments subject to tax are listed with the rate at which they are dutiable. As we shall reprint the paragraphs of this schedule to an extent, it will not be necessary to refer categorically to the specifications here; and we shall merely observe that the tax is a documentary one chiefly, although telegraph and telephone messages for which a charge of fifteen cents or more was imposed are taxed at one cent each. Palace and parlor car seats and sleeping-car berths when sold are charged with two cents to be paid by the company selling them.

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Duration—The final section of the bill under notice determines the period of enforcement of the provisions. The act is to take effect the day next succeeding the date of its passage, in general: "Provided that on the day after the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifteen, the taxes levied under Schedule A of this Act shall no longer be levied and collected." After the date aforesaid, unused stamps will be redeemed from the holder according to stipulations that he may prescribe. It is to be said that the revenue stamps will be general in their application and will not be issued for any special or restricted service as in the instance, at first, of the revenue stamps of the civil war time; but the stamps may be used interchangeably.

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Adhesive Stamps—The section, "Adhesive Stamps," says that the levy shall begin on the first day of November, 1914. The penalty for ignoring the tax is a heavy one, at the discretion of the court, one hundred dollars being the maximum; and as under previous laws the instrument unstamped "shall not be competent evidence in any court." For the acceptor of a bill of exchange without a stamp, the penalty is heavier, the limit of the fine being two hundred dollars at the discretion of the court. The forging of any stamp, die, plate, etc., is given close attention and further, "piecing" is named as an offense and the washing off of cancellations or restoring the stamps for a second use is proscribed under pain of punishment. The manner of cancellation of the stamps is specified and as formerly, the stamps are to bear the user's initials with date of delivery. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue is instructed to prepare "suitable stamps" and he is given authority to change the manner of cancellation if he deems it advisable to do so; or he may take additional cautionary measures. So, it may follow that the cutting of or otherwise mutilating the stamps will again be enforced.

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Printing License—There is a possibility that all the stamps required under the new enactment will not be printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing as we read: "The Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, is authorized to procure any of the stamps provided for in this Act by contract whenever such stamps cannot be speedily prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; but this authority shall expire on the first day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, except as to imprinted stamps furnished under contract, authorized by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. That the adhesive stamps used in the payment of the tax levied in Schedule A of this Act shall be furnished for sale by the several collectors of internal revenue, who shall sell and deliver them at their face value to all persons applying for the same, except officers or employees of the Internal-Revenue Service; Provided, That such collectors may sell and deliver such stamps in quantities of not less than $100 of face value, with a discount of one per centum, except as otherwise provided in this Act." It is plain that collectors may look with every assurance for interesting developments in a philatelic sense upon the final adoption of the revenue bill. There may be stamps prepared by firms other than the Bureau as well as by our standard producer and it is certain that stamped revenue paper will be printed under contract as was done under the revenue bills in the past.

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They Come Clean—Lest any reader remember aspersions against the character of the Mexican constitutional set printed at Denver, it is only fair to say that the stamps in question are coming in such numbers to the United States on letters on which they rate the full postage addressed to business firms, for instance, that there does not remain the scintilla of a suspicion against the postal adequacy of the stamps.

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Censored Letters—Letters from the countries at war are now seen in some profusion with the censor's labels on them, showing that the methods employed by the postal scrutineers are somewhat similar in about all the cases. The thoroughness of the espionage of the service is impressive and it reflects the earnestness with which the restrictions are enforced.

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Too Analytical—A reader says: "In reading your summary on the stamp situation, in the recent Special number, and I found your remarks interesting and plausible, I find the words: ' . . . While perhaps stamps are being used rather freely as collateral . . ' Now, what do you mean? Are the stamps given to the bank as collateral for money borrowed," and so on. We may as well say outright that we meant that the stamps were pledged at the loan-office, or, if that is not plain enough, the pawn-shop. We cannot say that stamps are not serving as collateral at regulation banks, as well.

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MORE ABOUT MEXICO.

By GEORGE W. LINN.

I have just noticed a note regarding the second issue of Sonora being again on sale. This statement is incorrect and should be corrected. There has been a new printing of the Sonora Green Seal issue and the values are 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10c. The 1, 2 and 3c are of the same design and arrangement as the last printings of these values, but the 5c has the thick heavy figure of value in place of the thin figure. The 10c value is the same as the previous green seal 10c but is rouletted in black lines. These two values, 5c and 10c, are clear and distinct varieties, but the 1c, 2c and 3c are so like the earlier printings that they will confuse many collectors and to be plain about the matter, the ordinary collector will be satisfied with either the earlier or this printing for his examples of these three low values. However it is easily possible to distinguish any of them from the former printings and the five varieties on a sheet can readily be plated.

It is my firm opinion, however, based on my study of the events and conditions existing in Mexico that this issue is already a thing of the past. About two weeks ago the newspapers contained items about the new trouble between Governor Maytorena of Sonora and Carranza, and a few days later, statements that our friend Villa had settled the squabble. Although I am not positive, I believe that this issue of stamps which I believe was used only at Magdalena, was put out by Maytorena and that the trouble now being settled, the issue is a dead one. The stamps I believe were in use but a few days and that they were used is proved by the fact that within three days I received two parcels and three letters bearing these stamps in all values from 1c to 10c. One parcel had a full strip of five of the 10c value on it. One letter which came registered, I will describe to you. The party sending it evidently took it to the post office with a strip of four of the 5c Denver issue on it and a pair of 2c U. S. stuck on below for postage in this country. I suppose that when he presented it for registration that the postmaster must have told him that those 5c stamps on the letter were N. G. and that the country now belonged to a new crowd; anyhow across these 5c red stamps were pasted a 5c and 10c of the new Green Seal issue. The cancellation is a new thing too. It is said that the postmaster who was on the job for Carranza skipped out and took all the post office utensils with him and the stamps come cancelled with the word "Mexico" in green ink, the letters being about ½ inch in height. I also have a letter mailed from Magdalena which has the stamp cancelled with an indelible lead pencil. I also have one of the Perforated Transitorios which is cancelled with the large word Mexico.

It is said that Maytorena had planned to issue a set of stamps with the picture of Madero on them but these evidently did not get finished.

Judging from newspaper reports about the Mexican situation it would appear that we will soon be done with Sonoras as I should judge that Mexico City will soon take the entire postal business in hand and that will probably mean either a universal use of this Denver issue throughout Mexico (which I doubt), or a new issue for the country. As this would take some time to prepare unless already ordered, I would not be surprised to see the stock of the Federal Mexican stamps on hand, surcharged in a neat manner and used until a new set can be prepared.

I also would like to say a word about the stamps which are coming to various dealers with the Surcharge "GOBIERNO CONSTITUCIONALISTA either diagonally across the stamps in two lines or horizontally in three lines thus:

Gobierno
Constitucion
alista

The type is about a 14 point italic letter. I believe these are all fakes although I may be mistaken, but I have yet to see one on cover or which looks good. Several used copies which I have seen show portions of the dates and these dates are in some cases back in 1913. I have also had sent me a bunch surcharged

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with a rubber stamp in letters a little less than ¼ inch in height. These are also fakes but I have seen this surcharge in larger letters which are about ⅜ of an inch in height and at present believe they were issued thus.

Some people enjoy knocking the G C M issue because of the variety of colors of surcharge, only three. I believe as a whole, that this issue is a very clean one. Just imagine if you can the extraordinary possibilities for freaks, doubles, surcharges, inverts and what not, that could have come in these stamps, but after examining something like 8000 of these stamps of all values and all colors, I can really say that I was greatly disappointed in the small number of varieties that I found. I am now making up a check list of all varieties of which I know and will send you a copy when ready. The list will contain a few little surprises.

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Advertising Chat—No. 7.

Our advertising columns continue to reflect the increased activity of the stamp business. Old advertisers are again taking space and new dealers never before in our columns are now with us.

The J. M. Bartels Co. will have regular space on page 3. Mr. Bartels recently reached home, having gone through the experiences of a troubled European trip. This firm is well known to our readers and we bespeak for it a goodly patronage.

C. H. Nammack, whose advertising has appeared regularly in the WEEKLY during the past year, expresses the conviction that the stamp market offerings for the next year or so will be greatly in excess of the demand. He writes however, "I am nevertheless going out after business and expect to use increased space in your old reliable paper this season."

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It will be noted that the Scott Co. is advertising for an assistant. This looks good. By the way, we failed to note last week the fact that Maxwell Krause was again represented in our columns.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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1904, 2c ..... .35 1.25
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Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—The current "Officially Sealed" stamp has been issued on watermarked paper. As this stamp is "not official," this marks a radical change in postal practice. The New England Stamp Co. has shown us a full sheet of these stamps with the new watermark, which consists of an enlarged representation of the Great Seal of the United States. The stamps are printed in sheets of twenty, arranged in four rows of five stamps. The watermark covers twelve stamps, four stamps at each end of the sheet being unwatermarked.

Charles M. Breder calls attention to shades of the current 3c stamp, something not at all rare in all issues in violet, lilac or purple.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us more of the new King George stamps from these Islands. The design is that used for the stamps of Grenada.

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CANAL ZONE.—According to the *Philadelphia Stamp News* the new Panama commemorative stamps are to be overprinted for use in the Canal Zone. The number to be overprinted will be 100,000 each of the 1c, 2c and 5c, and 50,000 of the 10c.

COSTA RICA.—The C. E. Hussman Co. has shown us some novelties from Costa Rica, including the Scott's No. 100, with surcharge in blue; an unused pair, one without surcharge; and the 1 colon olive bistre and black of 1901, surcharged "Correos—Habilitada—Un centime," in three lines in black.

HONDURAS.—We are indebted to the Rev. Louis Voss for a copy of the current 10c lithographed stamp in brown, as noted last week. Hermann Focke has also shown us the new colors and provisionals noted last week.

MEXICO.—George W. Linn has shown us further varieties of surcharged "Constitutionalist" stamps. The latest is a large double-lined circle, with "Gobierno" above and "Constitutionalista" below. Mr. Linn says: "These stamps come with the surcharge covering a pair of stamps and also in center of a block of four. It would seem that this surcharge was intended to use in center of a block of four as this would allow them to overprint a sheet with 25 overprints and cover all stamps. The overprint is evidently used for the purpose of protecting the Constitutional Government but not allowing the use of stamps without the overprint. I suppose these are coming from the Villa branch. Have already seen these on the 1, 3, 4, 5, 15 and 20c values in various colors. I expect we will find them in all values and all colors. To get this set right one will have to have at least pairs or blocks of four, the latter preferred. However, they are being offered much cheaper than 'G C M' and this won't break a collector up."

J. P. Crawford sends us information regarding the surcharges being placed on the Federal stamps of Mexico, by the Constitutionalist authorities. He also reports having seen a Federal envelope surcharged "Gobierno Constitutionalista" in a circle, with "A M" in the centre.

Hermann Focke adds to our budget of Constitutionalist surcharges, having shown us stamps from a printed form mailed at Puebla. As he says, it is the most decent looking of anything yet seen. Mr. Focke writes: "I do not know whether this is a local product of the city of Puebla, or whether it has been issued by the Central Government at Mexico City; it is the first and only one I have seen. The '$' mark between the two words 'Gobierno' and 'Constitucionalista' is not intelligible, but may represent the value of the currency, as 10 cents Mexican money today barely represents 2 cents in our coin."

Mr. Focke has also shown us a Federal wrapper, with the usual "Gobierno Constitutionalista" overprint. This was issued at Monterey, with hand-stamped overprint.

MOZAMBIQUE.—Mr. Schachne has shown us the 1914 issues of postal cards and letter cards.

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2c red and black on white.
1x1c green and black on dark buff.
2x2c red and black on white.

Letter Cards.

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NICARAGUA.—The York Stamp Co. has shown us several varieties of the Cordoba surcharges of 1913. The second "1" of "1913" being broken across its centre.

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1883, 3o ..... .03
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1899-04, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 & 60o .10
1905, 1kr ..... .20
2kr ..... .40
1906, 30o on 7s ..... .06
1907, 2kr ..... .30
1908, 15o on 4o ..... .05
15o ..... .02
1910, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 30 and 50o .... .10
1911, 1kr ..... .10
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10o ..... .02
20o ..... .05

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1900, 1kr ..... .02
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Wmkd. 2o ..... .01
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10o ..... .01
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5, 8, 10, 20, 25, 30 and 50o ..... .10
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1871, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 & 30 ..... .07
24o ..... .05
50o ..... .04
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1889, 10 on 12o ..... .10
1891, 2, 20, 50 ..... .04
1910-12, 1, 2, 4, Wmkd. 5 and 10o ..... .05
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5a ..... .03
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1900, 4a ..... .07
1901, 25a ..... .25
1902, 3a (No. 32) .... .06
3a (No. 34) .... .02
4a ..... .03
5a ..... .02
6a ..... .04
10a ..... .02
16a ..... .07
20a ..... .04
25a ..... .12
40a ..... .15
50a ..... .22
1kr ..... .40
1902-3, 3a ..... .10
4a ..... .30
5a ..... .07
6a ..... .05
10a ..... .07
16a ..... .30
20a ..... .15
25a ..... .15
40a ..... .28
50a ..... .35
*100a ..... .90
1904, 2kr ..... .85
1907, 1e, 3, 4, 5, & 10a .12
15a ..... .07
16a ..... .08
20a ..... .05
40a ..... .15
50a ..... .20
1kr ..... .40
2kr 1.25
1911-12, 1e ..... .01
3a ..... .03
4a ..... .03
5a ..... .03
6a ..... .05
10a ..... .05
15a ..... .08
20a ..... .08
25a ..... .10
50a ..... .20
1kr ..... .40
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1876, *5a ..... .06
10a ..... .06
16a ..... .25
20a ..... .08
50a ..... .40
1898, *3a ..... .08
1901, 4a ..... .07
1902, 3, 4, 5, 10 & 16a .30
50a ..... .25
1902-3, 3a ..... .08
4a ..... .08
5a ..... .06
10a ..... .08
16a ..... .25
20a ..... .15
50a ..... .30
1907-8, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 16 and 20a .... .30
50a ..... .25

DENMARK.
1874-9, 5o ..... .35
25, 50, 100o .... .08
1901, 24o ..... .04
1904, 4o on 8o ..... .03
15o on 24 ..... .08
1905, 20, 25, 50o ..... .12
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1912, 35o ..... .04
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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from G. Hallenberg (2), Hugo Kuenstler (9), A. W. Line, Chas. J. Donahue and F. D. Guggenheim.

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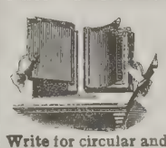
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WHAT SHALL I COLLECT?

Following my remarks last week on "General Collecting," I will now take up the subject of "Specializing" for the benefit of those who have decided to abandon the general collection, or who desire to enlarge on certain lines of it. In order to do justice to this subject, it is necessary to first point out a few lines to collect, and later tell how to specialize these lines.

UNITED STATES AND COLONIES.

As is to be expected, this country stands first in the hearts of all American collectors, or nearly all, and figures show that there are at least ten times as many of United States specialists in the American Philatelic Society as there are of any other country. As many members do not designate their specialty, it is impossible to give the actual figures.

United States, its colonies and side lines, offer a field that is a big contract. The United States specialist will have quite as much work cut out for him as the ordinary general collector, if he intends to carry his work to extremes, or even to moderate specialization. In fact this field is so very large that no small number of collectors divide it into small parts, and still have plenty to collect. Dr. Carroll Chase, a distinguished specialist of United States stamps, confines his entire attention to the issues of ten years, from 1847 to 1857. Dr. Chase has accomplished some very wonderful things in these three issues, and his work is not as yet completed, nor will it be for some time. Several other collectors are also interested in the stamps of these first issues. I would not suggest such specialization as this for the young collector, or the collector of moderate means. One can secure quite as much enjoyment by collecting more varieties and not covering the details so minutely. Unless the collector is a very patient and energetic student and is fond of microscopic work, I would not suggest the specialization of any one issue.

A very popular way of specializing a country is to divide it into the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. In the case of the United States postal issues, a better place to separate these issues is with the issue of 1894. This issue is the first of the United States stamps to be printed by the government bureau of printing and engraving, as all previous issues were made by private bank note companies. This particular branch of our country's stamps is quite extensive, and means an expenditure of money, especially if the shades and minor details are included.

The departments, envelopes, telegraphs, locals, newspaper stamps, and revenues are all extensive side lines, and can furnish very interesting material for a collection. Of the above classes, probably the revenues are the best for the collector of moderate means and experience to work on. Envelopes can be obtained for little money, and a nice representative collection made for a small sum, but any attempt at specializing these will mean considerable study to distinguish the various dies. As adhesive stamps seem to be the most popular with collectors, envelope collections do not realize as high a price as the "stickers."

The Colonies offer a very attractive field for the collector, though there are not a great many minor varieties. I do not include the Spanish issues of the Colonies in my statement, as I do not consider these a part of the United States Colonies. The collector who cares to include them will find that he has a few hard nuts to crack. Taking everything into consideration a general collection of United States and Colonies offers as nice an opportunity as any collector can desire, whether highly specialized or "just collected."

BRITISH COLONIALS.

The stamps of these countries include the "cream of the earth." Probably this division is the most popular of any in the world with collectors. British Colonials rank a very close second in popularity in America, and taking all collectors the world over into consideration, they probably draw many times the attention devoted to any other section. Like the United States, they are impossible to complete. In fact, the collector will find it practically impossible to complete most of the colonies. These stamps include a great many of the world's greatest rarities, and nearly all colonies can boast of some expensive stamps. In design, they are second to none. For the most part, they are clean legitimate issues, with very few speculative and unnecessary items. There are enough varieties of perforation and watermark to delight the most rabid specialist, and yet the collector who wishes to simplify his work can do so. The endless variety of design and color permits the making of a beautiful display in an album. The collector who wishes a real stamp hunt should endeavor to collect these stamps postally used. His work will be never ending.

OTHER COLONIALS.

The French, German and Portuguese colonials are quite popular, and make very nice collections. Some are quite costly, though less so than the British Colonials. The main objection to these stamps is that the same design is used for nearly all of the colonies, and repetition tends to spoil the effect of the display. With the exception of the Portuguese, these colonies are quite free from speculation and are very "solid." However, speaking as a class, there is not as great a future for these stamps as for others.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

For many years these stamps were not very popular with collectors, partly because of the speculation in some of the issues, and chiefly because of the difficulty of obtaining these stamps and information about them. No great effort was made, as the eyes of the collecting world were focused on Europe and its colonies. In the last ten years, however, much attention has been turned to these countries, and they are rapidly growing in favor. As is usual with any large number of countries, there are quite a few very scarce stamps included. Of course, there are quite speculative and unnecessary issues, but the collector who really puts his heart into his work will find even these more or less interesting. The large number of surcharges offer all the minor varieties a collector could wish for. Owing to the fact that exchange facilities are not as well developed with these countries as with others, not as much is known of these stamps. At first sight the long lists of surcharges will stagger the uninformed collector, but after a little experience, he will agree that most of these are within reach. For true specialism, better material will be found in these countries than in almost any others.

Nicaragua alone makes a splendid collection. The man who likes inverted surcharges, misplaced letters, errors, imperforates, and other minor varieties will be in clover. He can spend the rest of his life collecting this country, and there will always be a few left for his descendants to gather. At the same time, he will need so many to complete his collection that he will shed no tears over the fact that he cannot find No. 253 or No. 133a used on cover, or a few of the others. Salvador is even worse than Nicaragua, as it has not been treated as thoroughly by the specialists. In fact, the lack of hand-books and check lists on these countries adds materially to the difficulty in collecting them. They offer an opportunity for some philatelist of literary turn of mind to make a name for himself. If no one else comes to the rescue. I am afraid I shall have to study these stamps and write them up.

EUROPE.

There are so many very common stamps of any of the European countries that it is possible to make a nice specialized collection of these countries, showing shades, post-marks, etc., for a very little money. The early issues are in some cases quite expensive, and nearly all are in great demand. The imperforate issues, especially in blocks and pairs, are growing steadily scarcer, and are proving mighty good property. The stamps are all more or less interesting, though some are very common. For this very fact, however, specialized collections showing shifted dies, shades, blocks, pairs, post-marks, and the other differences gathered by the specialist, are seldom met with. Collectors seem to direct their attention more to the smaller countries where the stamps are harder to get. The philatelist who desires to study hair-line varieties, and who enjoys looking through thousands of stamps of one kind for minor details, should devote his attention to the European stamps. There is still a great deal to be learned about these stamps.

OTHER LINES TO SPECIALIZE.

In outlining this article, it is not my intention to go into detail and pick out every line that it would be possible to specialize. The space is limited, and besides, collectors will pick their lines for themselves, regardless of any article on the subject. In fact, the best rule for specialized collecting is: collect what you want to, and dispense with the rest. Pick out one stamp or set from a country if you want to.

Some popular lines collected are: Commemorative stamps—a splendid chance to make a beautiful collection and also to learn history; Proofs and Essays—interesting and scarce, but should properly be collected with the regular postage issues of the country; "Specimen" stamps—same remarks; stamps on covers; blocks, pairs and strips, especially imperforates; precancels; revenues; post-cards; postage dues; envelope stamps; special delivery; revenue stamps used for postage, and errors and novelties.

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A STANDARD DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION FOR UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS.

By H. L. WILEY.

The check list or standard classification of United States stamps which is presented herewith is the result of the writer's efforts toward constructing a rational system of classifying the postage stamps of the United States.

The decimal system has been used throughout. It is without question the only satisfactory system which will permit infinite extension of any species or variety included in its principal index without involving the use of a multiplicity of meaningless hierogliphics.

In the writer's classification brevity has been sacrificed to some slight degree, in several instances for reasons which will presently be apparent. The first general principle of the system is that the figures and letter or letters to the left of the decimal point designate the denomination of the stamp and the year of issue. Stamps issued during the nineteenth century have for the first figure of the index, the numeral "1." Stamps included in issues of the twentieth century have for the first figure of their index, the numeral "2." Philatelists of today are not concerned with stamps of a century or two hence except in so far as their moral obligation to the philatelists of the future may obtain. The stamps of the twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third, etc., centuries will have for the first figure of their indices, the numerals "3," "4," "5," etc.

The two numerals following the first figure of the index designate the issue; thus the stamps of the 47th year of the 18th century, (the issue, that is, of 1847) are designated by the three numerals "147," those of 1851 by "151," those of 1912 by "212": It is apparent that the first three figures of the index can thus show the year of issue and the century in which this year belongs.

Following the first three numerals indicating the century and year, there comes one or more letters designating the denomination of the stamp. The decimal point, which must invariably appear in case further description is made of the stamp other than the year of issue and denomination, is set immediately to the right of the letter or letters, denoting the denomination.

The series of letters used to denote the denomination include the first ten letters of the alphabet exclusive of the letter "I" together with the letter "X," which is used to represent "nought." The letter "I" was omitted because of the likelihood of confusing it with the figure 1. The equivalents are as follows:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	X
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0

The letter "A" means a stamp of the denomination of 1 cent, the letter "B" of 2 cents, the letters "AX" means a stamp of the denomination of 10 cents. The letters "AXX" mean a stamp of the denomination of 100 cents or $1.00.

This system of designating the denomination has been thought preferable to using numerals because it is not likely to be confused with other significant numerals of the index and because it affords a clear cut line between the major varieties and the minor varieties.

In this system the major varieties are those stamps differing in general design from all other stamps. Differences such as secret marks, the August type of 1861, double transfers and the re-engraved issues are not considered to be major varieties. Paper varieties, differences in perforations, watermarks and colors, and various issues of the same stamp produced by different workmen or companies are not considered major varieties.

To the right of the decimal point which follows the letter designating the denomination there appears one or more numerals which indicate secondary varieties. As far as possible these numerals have been standardized, thus the numeral "2" has been generally used for the purpose of indicating double paper, "3" to indicate ribbed paper, "4" to indicate stitch watermark, "5" to indicate a grill, etc.

The various grills have been classified under the number of points appearing on each of the two horizontal dimensions. The points on the grills were spaced at intervals of 1/32 of an inch and thus it has been possible to classify the known grills by their individual index number and at the same time to provide for any grill liable to be discovered in the future. The three exceptions to the grills which have been found are the double grills, the marginal grill and the grill covering the entire stamp. The review of the treatment of each issue follows:

The Issue of 1847.

This issue includes but two stamps and for that reason, the treatment is obvious. The reprint or Government counterfeit is designated by the numeral "3," following the decimal point.

1847 SERIES.

147E.	5c BROWN.
147E.1	Double transfer.
147E.2	Stitch watermark.
147E.3	Reprint.
147AX.	10c BLACK.
147AX.1	Double transfer.
147AX.2	Stitch watermark.
147AX.3	Reprint.

The Issue of 1851.

Included in this issue are the imperforate stamps used in 1851, the perforate stamps of the same design used in 1857 and the reprints made one year later. The writer confesses his ignorance of the various super-refinements discovered from time to time by philatelic investigators of questionable ability and a minimum of accurate data and for that reason the types listed by the well known authority, W. L. Stevenson, have been adopted in this index. The imperforate stamps are designated by the numeral "1" immediately following the decimal point. The perforated stamps of 1857 are designated by the figure "2" immediately following the decimal point. The reprints are designated by the numeral "3" following the decimal point. Type varieties, double transfers, and imperforate errors are designated by numerals following the one to the right of the decimal point. It will be noted that practically all known varieties have been included in the index.

1851 SERIES.

151A.	1c BLUE.
151A.1	Imperforate.
151A.11	" Type I.
151A.111	" Type Ia.
151A.112	" Type Ib.
151A.12	" Type II.
151A.121	" Type IIa.
151A.1211	" " Double transfer.
151A.122	" Type IIb.
151A.1221	" " Double transfer.
151A.123	" Type IIc.
151A.1231	" " Double transfer.
151A.124	" Type IId.
151A.1241	" " Double transfer.
151A.125	" Type IIe.
151A.1251	" " Double transfer.

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151A.21
151A.212
151A.22
151A.221
151A.222
151A.223
151A.224
151A.225
151A.23
151A.231
151A.2311
151A.232
151A.2321
151A.24
151A.241
151A.242
151A.243
151A.2431
151A.244
151A.2441
151A.245
151A.25
151A.251
151A.2511
151A.252
151A.2521
151A.3
Perforated 15.
" Type I.
" Type Ib.
" Type II.
" Type IIa.
" Type IIb.
" Type IIc.
" Type IId.
" Type IIe.
" Type III.
" Type IIIa.
" " Imp. error.
" Type IIIb.
" " Imp. error.
" Type IV.
" Type IVa.
" Type IVb.
" Type IVc.
" " Double transfer.
" Type IVd.
" " Double transfer.
" Type IVe.
" Type V.
" Type Va.
" " Double transfer.
" Type Vb.
" " Double transfer.
Perforated 12. Reprint.

151C.
151C.1
151C.11
151C.111
151C.112
151C.116
151C.2
151C.21
151C.211
151C.212
151C.213
151C.22
151C.221
151C.222
151C.223
151C.3

3c RED.
Imperforate.
" Type I.
" " Double transfer.
" " Stitch wmk.
" " " Double trans.
Perforated 15.
" Type I.
" " Double transfer.
" " Stitch wmk.
" " " Double trans.
" Type II.
" " Double transfer.
" " Stitch wmk.
" " " Double trans.
Perforated 12. Reprint.

151E.
151E.1
151E.11
151E.2
151E.21
151E.22
151E.221
151E.222
151E.223
151E.224
151E.225
151E.226
151E.3

5c BROWN.
Imperforate.
" Type I.
Perforated 15.
" Type I.
" Type II.
" Type IIa.
" Type IIb.
" Type IIc.
" Type IId.
" Type IIe.
" Type IIf.
Perforated 12. Reprint.

151AX.
151AX.1
151AX.11
151AX.12
151AX.121
151AX.122
151AX.2
151AX.21
151AX.22
151AX.221
151AX.23
151AX.231
151AX.232
151AX.2322
151AX.3

10c GREEN.
Imperforate.
" Type I.
" Type II.
" Type IIa.
" Type IIb.
Perforated 15.
" Type I.
" Type II.
" Type IIa.
" Type III.
" Type IIIa.
" Type IIIb.
" Double transfer.
Perforated 12. Reprint.

151AB.
151AB.1
151AB.11
151AB.2
151AB.21
151AB.3

12c BLACK.
Imperforate.
" " Double transfer.
Perforated 15.
" " Double transfer.
Perforated 12. Reprint.

151BD.
151BD.1
151BD.2
151BD.3

24c GRAY.
Imperforate. Error.
Perforated 15.
Perforated 12. Reprint.

151CX.
151CX.1
151CX.2
151CX.21
151CX.3

30c ORANGE.
Imperforate. Error.
Perforated 15.
" " Double transfer.
Perforated 12. Reprint.

151JX.
151JX.1
151JX.2
151JX.21
151JX.3

90c BLUE.
Imperforate. Error.
Perforated 15.
" Double transfer.
Perforated 12. Reprint.

The Issue of 1861.

The three principal subdivisions in this issue are the August types designated by the figure "1" to the right of the decimal point, the September type designated by the figure "2" to the right of the decimal point and the grilled issues designated by the numeral "3" to the right of the decimal point

1861 SERIES.

161A.
161A.1
161A.2
161A.21
161A.22
161A.23
161A.3
161A.326
161A.327
161A.337
161A.345
161A.346
161A.347
161A.348
161A.395
161A.397
161A.399

1c BLUE.
August Type.
September Type.
" Laid paper.
" Double transfer.
" Reprint.
" Grilled.
" " 12x16.
" " 12x17.
" " 13x17.
" " 14x15.
" " 14x16.
" " 14x17.
" " 14x18.
" " Entire stamp.
" " Marginal.
" " Double grill.

161B.
161B.2
161B.21
161B.22
161B.23
161B.24
161B.25
161B.3
161B.316
161B.326
161B.327
161B.328
161B.346
161B.347
161B.348
161B.358
161B.359
161B.395
161B.397
161B.399

2c BLACK.
Without grill.
" Laid paper.
" Double transfer.
" Reprint.
" Imperf. Vert.
" Chemical paper.
Grilled.
" 11x16.
" 12x16.
" 12x17.
" 12x18.
" 14x16.
" 14x17.
" 14x18.
" 15x18.
" 15x19.
" Entire stamp.
" Marginal.
" Double grill.

161C.
161C.1
161C.2
161C.21
161C.22
161C.23
161C.24
161C.241
161C.242
161C.25
161C.26
161C.261
161C.27
161C.3
161C.316
161C.317
161C.325
161C.326
161C.327
161C.328
161C.336
161C.337
161C.345
161C.346
161C.347
161C.348
161C.357
161C.358
161C.359
161C.368
161C.369
161C.3691
161C.3692
161C.378
161C.379
161C.3791
161C.382
161C.395
161C.397
161C.399

3c RED.
August Type.
September Type.
" Laid paper.
" Double transfer.
" Chemical paper.
" Imperforate.
" " Horizontal.
" " Vertical.
" Stitch wmk.
" Double print.
" Reverse print.
" Reprint.
Grilled.
" 11x16.
" 11x17.
" 12x15.
" 12x16.
" 12x17.
" 12x18.
" 13x16.
" 13x17.
" 14x15.
" 14x16.
" 14x17.
" 14x18.
" 15x17.
" 15x18.
" 15x19.
" 16x18.
" 16x19.
" 16x20.
" 16x21.
" 17x18.
" 17x19.
" 17x20.
" 18x22.
" Entire stamp.
" Marginal.
" Double grill.

161E.
161E.1
161E.2
161E.21
161E.23
161E.24
161E.3
161E.326
161E.327
161E.346
161E.347
161E.395
161E.397
161E.399

5c BROWN.
August Type.
September Type.
" Laid paper.
Reprint.
Imperforate vertical.
Grilled.
" 12x16.
" 12x17.
" 14x16.
" 14x17.
" Entire stamp.
" Marginal.
" Double grill.

161AX.
161AX.1
161AX.2
161AX.22
161AX.23
161AX.24
161AX.3
161AX.326
161AX.327
161AX.345
161AX.346
161AX.347
161AX.395
161AX.397
161AX.399

10c GREEN.
August Type.
September Type.
" Double transfer.
" Stitch wmk.
Reprint.
Grilled.
" 12x16.
" 12x17.
" 14x15.
" 14x16.
" 14x17.
" Entire stamp.
" Marginal.
" Double grill.

161AB.
161AB.1
161AB.2
161AB.22
161AB.23
161AB.3
161AB.326
161AB.327
161AB.328
161AB.346
161AB.347
161AB.348
161AB.395
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12c BLACK.
August Type.
September Type.
" Double transfer.
" Reprint.
Grilled.
" 12x16.
" 12x17.
" 12x18.
" 14x16.
" 14x17.
" 14x18.
" Entire stamp.
" Marginal.
" Double grill.

161AE.
161AE.2
161AE.23
161AE.3
161AE.326
161AE.327
161AE.328
161AE.346
161AE.347
161AE.395
161AE.397
161AE.399

15c BLACK.
Without grill.
Reprint.
Grilled.
" 12x16.
" 12x17.
" 12x18.
" 14x16.
" 14x17.
" Entire stamp.
" Marginal.
" Double grill.

161BD.
161BD.1
161BD.2
161BD.21
161BD.23
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161BD.326
161BD.327
161BD.395
161BD.397
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24c LILAC.
August Type.
September Type.
" Reverse printed.
" Reprint.
Grilled.
" 12x16.
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" Entire stamp.
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161CX.326
161CX.327
161CX.395
161CX.397
161CX.399

30c ORANGE.
August Type.
September Type.
" Imperforate.
" Reprint.
Grilled.
" 12x16.
" 12x17.
" Entire stamp.
" Marginal.
" Double grill.

161JX.
161JX.1
161JX.2
161JX.23
161JX.3
161JX.327
161JX.395
161JX.397
161JX.399

90c BLUE.
August Type.
September Type.
" Reprint.
Grilled.
" 12x17.
" Entire stamp.
" Marginal.
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Proprietary Medicine Tax—As expected, the Senate tinkered with the House revenue bill but the finance committee of that august body has not inspired by its action the opponents of the bill, as the democratic members of the committee were careful not to impair the effectiveness of the measure as a revenue raiser, by the changes. On the contrary by taxing proprietary medicines, perfumery, chewing gum and sparkling wines, it is apparent that any deficit to be charged against the original revision by the committee will be overcome heartily. In fact, this reversion to proprietary taxes such as were a feature of the Spanish-American war revenue bill will increase the income to the government considerably. The amendment provides for a graduated stamp tax of one-eighth of a cent on articles costing not more than five cents to five-eighths for each twenty-five cents of additional value. The tax proposed for chewing gum is four cents for each box worth one dollar or less and at the same rate for added value; while the tax on sparkling wines not otherwise specified in the bill is one cent for pints and two cents for quarts. It will be observed that these taxes conform closely to those imposed by the revenue bill of 1898.

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In Theory—The imposition of a proprietary tax will require the issue of an additional set of revenue stamps, no doubt, for the articles coming under the provisions of the bill, as it is unlikely that the stamps intended for documentary use will be accepted in payment of the medicine tax. It is assumed that the fractional cent values of the proprietary stamps will follow those that were issued sixteen years ago. In view of the comparatively short expectancy of life of the revenue bill, it is supposed that there will be little disposition on the part of manufacturers of proprietary articles to order special stamps for their uses,—but then the House bill did not extend manufacturers permission to employ distinctive stamps as they are there given the privilege to do under the two former revenue bills. While the Senate is in receipt of the customary protests from business men and others against this or that provision of the bill, it is premature to say just now what effect they will have. However, by the time these words are in print, the form of the revenue bill should be definitely decided upon.

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Press News—The newspapers have been telling us of the special German postage stamps for Belgium under German occupation; and likewise have they been circulating the news that the order for the "Peace" or Treaty of Ghent issue by the United States has been countermanded. Indeed, we have read that the "Peace" stamps in question are to be destroyed, the assumption being that already they are prepared! We gave official information on this score on page 351, "Peace Stamps in Abeyance," issue of October 3rd. One of the newspaper explanations of the relinquishing of the plan for "peace" stamps was that an action such as the issue of "partnership stamps" of the kind would be construed as a violation of the spirit of neutrality by the nations opposed to Great Britain.

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Obey—We have noticed that under date of October 7th, the first assistant postmaster general has issued the warning to postmasters under the words: "Postmarks Must Be Legible. The Department continues to receive complaints and evidence of carelessness in postmarking, one firm alone having recently submitted over one hundred envelopes bearing illegible postmarks. The attention of all postmasters is again called to the necessity for care in postmarking." It is not necessary to emphasize the importance generally of postmarks that may be readily deciphered.

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Foreign Mails—Readers who have inquired about the movement of the foreign mails from this country will be interested in an explanation by Robert L. Maddox, superintendent of the foreign mails division of the post office department. In special correspondence to the *Daily News*, Chicago, Mr. Maddox makes it clear that the record of the department is a creditable one as the delays in consequence of the war have not been great. It seems that the postmaster general has acted in a way to meet all emergencies, having had recourse to that power which is arbitrary in its scope that allows him to act on his own judgment in times of sudden stress. Mr. Maddox is quoted as saying: "We are getting our foreign mail off three or four times a week and that is no less frequent than in normal times. The service is slower however, necessarily. Our regular routes for Germany and Austria are by way of England and France. By the fast passenger service formerly obtainable we were able to get this mail to English or French points in about six days, after which only about thirty hours were required to reach the ultimate destination. Now we must send this mail by way of Italy or Holland or Scandinavia. It requires from nine to twelve days to get it to Holland or Italy and from twelve to fourteen to Norway or Sweden. Without being able to speak officially about it, I should say that the greatest delay would obtain in those countries where troops are constantly mobilizing. Every thing gives way there to the military. Mail might well be delayed and of course there would be the same difficulty in getting swift ships after the mail had reached a seaport." The answer to complaints about censored mail addressed to this country but originating in the countries at war is that the responsibility of this country for mail is "limited specifically to the time during which the mail actually is in the custody of the United States."

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What Week in August—We understand that already the members of the American Philatelic Society in San Francisco and vicinity are planning for the next convention of the American Philatelic Society; and they are desirous that the date of the event be definitely selected thus early in the fiscal year for the guidance of the Fair authorities in making up their calendars and in securing accommodations for the convention—not to mention other formalities. The members who are vitally interested in the San Francisco convention are those who expect to attend it; and we think that their convenience should be consulted if the date of the convention is to be fixed so far ahead. The convention will be held in August according to the established custom but let those who think of attending the next annual meeting say what week in August suits them best in a letter or card to President Coolidge. We are sure that an expression of opinion on the subject from members would be welcomed by the president and we are sure that he would give due consideration to the wishes of the majority. It does seem a bit early to decide upon attending the San Francisco convention just now, but our familiar friends, the months, have a way of slipping by so fast that they confound any but the fore-handed.

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Forty-five years ago (Oct. 1), the world's first postal card was issued by the Austrian postoffice officials at Vienna. The first in the United States appeared four years later, after public demand forced this government concession. The principal official argument against the postal card was that such open communication offered an excellent opportunity for the writer of libel to exercise his nefarious work. Official opposition met with popular clamor in other countries, and various were the methods to force governments to follow Austria's lead. An English army officer in India, where he missed the postal card he had become accustomed to in England, forced the Indian government to capitulate. The government had claimed there was no popular demand for postal cards. The officer set out to demonstrate that there was. He had postal cards bearing his own name and rank printed, and used them entirely for his own correspondence, of course, obeying the postal regulations by affixing stamps equal to letter rate postage. He induced his friends to follow his example. The resulting flood of postal cards aroused the government. The army officer was ordered to discontinue his cards. He replied that if he chose to write messages on a piece of cardboard instead of on sheets of paper, the postoffice authorities could not compel him to inclose the card in an envelope. The legal advisers of the government sustained his claim, and India was forced to adopt the postal card.

Today the postal card is universal. In the United States nearly 1,000,000,000 government postal cards, enough to supply every man, woman and child in the country with ten apiece, are issued annually. Expressed in another way, it means that the American people are spending yearly about $10,000,000 to carry on their correspondence by means of postal cards. In the 40 years that postal cards have circulated throughout the United States their number has increased nearly 30 times—the record for the first year of their introduction in the United States, in 1873, being about 31,000,000. Each year witnessed a gradual increase in their popularity until the demand grew too great for the private print shops that formerly printed the cards under contract, and the public printing office at Washington took over the task. Today two great rotary presses each capable of printing, cutting, and distributing the postal cards into packages of 25, each package bound with a paper band, are turning them out at the maximum rate of 4,000,000 every working day of eight hours. It is claimed that the picture post card was born of the Franco-German war, the first card making its appearance in 1870 in the town of Magdeburg, in Germany. In the last decade the souvenir card has become a world-wide institution. An accurate estimate of their number has not yet been made, although Germany recently reported that in that country alone more than 1,300,000,000 were published during one year.—*Washington Post.*

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Will Geo. H. Phillips, who desires a Poole book, please send his address to this office?

—B. Elmer has been ill for some two weeks and unable to attend to correspondence. He craves the pardon of any who may have written him, as correspondence has necessarily been delayed.

—Wm. Lloyd calls our attention to the fact that his street number was given in error in our issue of October 3. As per his advertisement in the trade column of this week, it should be 606 Royal St., New Orleans, La.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from C. M. Breder, N. Doyle, Benj. Weisner.

—At the last Nassau Sale a copy of the 30c 1869, inverted flags, sold for $1,750. This is said to be a record price for this stamp. A 30c 1851 brought $627.00.

—Paul W. Riedell would like to know the whereabouts of Robt. J. MacNeal who applied for approvals from Noank, Conn., and cannot now be located.

—A. C. Roessler advises us that a second type of red cross stamp has been issued by France. The new design shows the 5+10c incorporated in the design of the stamp. Further particulars doubtless in the chronicle.

—On October 16 the Milwaukee Philatelic Society celebrated the 15th anniversary of the society, which occurs November 1. A banquet was in order at the Blatz Hotel with Alfred Fisher as toastmaster and Dr. F. A. Kraft and Prof. L. D. Peasley as speakers.

—The September number of the *Insurance Journal* published at Hartford, Conn., gives the leading place to an article descriptive of the insurance agency of Silas Chapman, Jr., Hartford's oldest insurance agent. The frontispiece is a fine halftone of Mr. Chapman and three large illustrations, with exterior and interior views of the office are also shown. The descriptive matter contains reference to Mr. Chapman's interest in philately, paying a strong tribute to his collection.

SOLDIER LETTERS.

We are indebted to W. L. McAtee for a lengthy clipping from the Washington *Star* giving the story in connection with the official post cards now in use for field service with British soldiers at the front. The card in question bears upon the reverse side the following matter:—

NOTHING is to be written on this except date and signature of the sender. Sentences not required may be erased. *If anything else is added the post card will be destroyed.*

I am quite well.

I have been admitted into hospital { sick / wounded } and am going on well. and hope to be discharged soon.

I am being sent down to the base.

I have received your { letter. / telegram. / parcel. }

Letter follows at first opportunity.

I have received no letter from you. { lately. / for a long time. }

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You will want the WEEKLY as long as you live. Why not renew your subscription and get the catalog free? Here is our offer:

Remit $3.00 for six years' renewal of subscription and we will send you a 1915 Standard catalog free of charge. Remit $3.50 for seven years and we will make it a cloth bound.

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Advertising Chat—No. 8.

What did you think of the advertising in last week's paper? It showed conclusively that there is no dullness in the office of the WEEKLY.

Hardly a week passes but some advertiser takes advantage of our quarter page proposition. Last week B. L. Drew & Co. and M. D. Olmstead were with us. 144 lines for $15 is the cheapest stamp advertising on the face of the globe.

The Western Stamp Co., conducting a general stamp business at 1632 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill., and catering to the collector of medium priced stamps, will hereafter be found regularly on page 5. Mr. Severn gives this firm a good recommendation.

The old and reliable firm of Perrin & Co. sends us a series of advertisements and hopes to use a quarter page "if the European war does not knock the spots out of the stamp business." Does the WEEKLY look as if this were possible?

The Williams' Book Store of Boston wants a regular place and will be found on page 2. This firm is in the market to buy. Albert Rassman, administrator of the philatelic possessions of Ignaz Stauffer, will offer some stamp bargains from week to week during the coming months.

All in all, we are very well pleased with October business, both from subscription and advertising standpoints. Don't forget that our next special comes October 31 and advertising copy should be received by October 23-24.

To be continued.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

NETHERLAND JUBILEE

1913	5Gld	2.00
1913	2½Gld	1.50
1913	1Gld	.35
1913	50c	.30
1913	25c	.15
1913	20c	.10
1913	12½c	.08
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1913	5c	.03
1913	3c	.06
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An unused 2c Lincoln on blued paper to all approval applicants buying $1.00 net from the first selection. But I'm too busy to answer postal cards or letters which mention no reference. [12tf
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	Per set
13 Liberia 1906, 1c to $5, 3 sets at	$3.00
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10 Liberia 1909, 1c to 75c Off. $9.36 per 12 sets	
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Terms: Cash per M. O. or cheque on London. [43
Wholesale list, post free. Stamps Bought.

GUATEMALA
All Unused

No. 21, 1c black and green	.03
No. 22, 2c brown and green	.03
No. 23, 5c red and green	.05
No. 24, 10c violet and green	.05
No. 25, 20c yellow and green	.05

Postage extra.

G. CANNON,
SPARTANBURG, S. C.

B. B. B.--Watch Next Week's Issue

PUT ON YOUR GLASSES AND EXAMINE THIS

Those 60% approvals are the very best possible. And an additional 10% if you pay in ten days. If 60 and 10% is not low enough considering the condition and cost, I will reduce the list price, so you are sure to get your money's worth. It will only cost you a stamp and a reference to obtain a selection, and then there is a nice little unused United States premium for you. I would like to have you for one of my regular customers. Come on while the season is young. You will save money. [42&44
D. M. WARD, 222 Taney St., GARY, IND.

Special War Prices! Wonderful Bargains!

I am still making heavy cuts in prices. These prices are good for one month only and subject in every case to the following special war terms, viz: ⅓rds cash with order, remaining third payable when peace is signed between England and Germany. Same terms for all, cash with order, whether regular customers or not.

Remit by draft on London (stamps not accepted in payment).

List No.4. (See previous weeks for other offers.)

Siam 1914, new surcharges, 5 on 6 sat, 10 copies ..... .30
'14, new surch., 10 on 12 sat, 10 copies .50
'14, new surch., 15 on 28 sat, 10 copies .70
British East Africa 1890, ½a mint, 10 copies .30
1890, 1a (cat. 15c), 10 copies ..... .30
1890, ½a, 1a, 3a, 4a, 4½a, 8a, & 1 rupee, mint, 5 sets $2.00
Roumania 1906, Jubilee, high values—Scott No. 184, 185, mint, 10 prs,.. $1.00
1906, do. do. Scott No. 194, 195 mint, 10 pairs 1.00
Siam 1910, 2 satang (1000, $6.50), 100.. .75
1910, 6 satang 100 ..... .85
Argentine 1908, 10, 15c green, (1000 $5.50), 100 ..... .60
Venezuela, Scott 181, (cat. $7.50) mint, each 2.00
Scott 184 mint, 3 copies ..... .80
Scott 188 mint, each 1.75
Scott 191 mint, 3 copies ..... .70
St. Christopher, 1d rose, mint, (Scott 25) cat. 12c. 100 ..... 2.75
100
Hayti 1896, Palms 1c, 3c, 5c, 7c & 20c mint, 25 sets $1.65 ..... 6.00
1898, 2c carmine, 5c green, mint, 25 pairs, 65c 2.40
1904, Scott 102-107, mint, 25 sets $2.50 9.00
Costa Rica, 1892, 5c red-lilac, mint ..... .75
Great Britain, King Edward, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d (yellow), 5d, 6d, all superb picked copies, 100 sets ... 2.50
Turkey '92-'05, 9 values, 100 sets 2.00

H. R. Harmer, (A.P.S.3097) **Maldon, England**

NOTICE

On October 1, 1914 I start on an extended trip through the Central and Eastern States, returning to the Pacific Coast about six months later. During this time my stamp "business" must be suspended. First class mail addressed "453 East 53rd St., Portland, Ore.," will be forwarded and I should like to make arrangements by mail to meet various stamp men whom I have previously known only through our correspondence. [44

H. L. WILEY.

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Postage Stamps.

10	All different...	...	$.01	55	All different...	...	$.60
20	,, ,,	...	.03	60	,, ,,	...	.80
30	,, ,,	...	.08	65	,, ,,	...	1.20
40	,, ,,	...	.20	70	,, ,,	...	2.00
50	,, ,,	...	.45	75	,, ,,	...	3.25

Revenue Stamps.

20	All different...	...	$.02	70	All different...	...	$.50
30	,, ,,	...	.06	80	,, ,,	...	.65
40	,, ,,	...	.15	90	,, ,,	...	.82
50	,, ,,	...	.25	95	,, ,,	...	1.00
50	,, ,,	...	.37	100	,, ,,	...	1.20

Special Offer.

20 All different Japanese Postage & Revenue Stamps....04

All off paper, in good condition, guaranteed genuine. Postage extra under $1. Wholesale List for Dealers.

Yokohama, Japan. JUN KOBAYAGAWA Co. P.O. Box 214.

Postage to Japan 5c. Postcards. 2c.

70% DISCOUNT I send selections of desirable stamps on approval at 70% discount from standard catalogue prices. Precancels ½ cent each. References required.

J.Emory Renoll, Hanover, Penn.

B. B. B.--Never Stung Anyone Yet!

THE MELVILLE JOURNALS GO ON.

Most of Fred. J. Melville's many activities in the philatelic literary line will go on as usual, and are not being seriously interfered with by the European crisis. All business is going on in London much as usual, though in some directions it is necessarily slack through timidity of buyers. Although the *Daily Telegraph* has suspended the weekly articles on stamps, on account of the pressure upon its news columns, Mr. Melville's weekly journal, the *Postage Stamp*, goes on as usual, and with its fifteenth volume starts in as a splendid illustrated philatelic record of the great war. As a special inducement to United States friends to support this endeavour, annual subscriptions from philatelists in the United States will be accepted for one dollar.

U. S. friends may send greenbacks, which can be used all right in London. Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. Fred. J. Melville, 14 Sudbourne Rd., Brixton, London, S. W. The *Stamp Lover*, the monthly organ of the Junior Philatelic Society, as well as all the other activities of the Society, will be maintained in full swing.

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—William F. Works shows us a specimen of the current 2c envelope which has the inner colorless line much thickened at the top, with several of the letters in "United States" little more than mere colorless blotches. These are not varieties for the catalogue, and only of interest as illustrating the botch work made possible under the present system of printing envelopes.

AUSTRALIA.—The *Australian Philatelist* reports an interesting block of 18 1d Kangaroo stamps, most peculiarly watermarked. The stamps are the three bottom rows of the left-hand pane. The vertical row of three stamps on the right, that is to say, the central portion of the whole sheet, is without watermark. The next vertical row shows the lower stamp without watermark also, and the other two bear part of the word "Commonwealth," which is found on the margin of a sheet. The remaining rows have the normal watermark, which is also shown in the margin on the left-hand side. A feasible explanation is that the sheet was half a pane out when being watermarked, but do not think that the selvage is so great as to permit of the other half pane being printed on it. The query: How was the right-hand pane watermarked? suggests itself.

BADEN.—The *London Philatelist* reports the following interesting discovery:—

"It is in the second issue of Baden—that of March, 1853—in which only the colours of the first issue were changed as regards the 1, 3 and 6 kreuzers, that the discovery has been made, viz., the 1 kreuzer, black on white, printed *tête bêche*. The specimen in question was described and illustrated in Herr H. Kohler's auction sale, held at Berlin, on June 17-19, it being stated to be unique and to have come from the collection of the late Ludwig Schwarz, of Vienna. The 'piece' in question consists of three specimens of the 1kr, black on white, on a piece of the original paper, postmarked '155,' with concentric circles. Two of these stamps are a normal horizontal pair, and a single specimen to right, separated by a blank space of about 11½ mm., the latter being inverted in relation to the former, and clearly denoting a second impression or pane on the same original sheet."

BELGIUM.—The *Postage Stamp* states that Belgium had been preparing for an entirely new issue of stamps to be printed by the Dujardin Dry Recess process. This is a French invention, but the machine is being built by Messrs. Hoe, in London.

The London *Evening News* states that special German postage stamps have been issued at Brussels, for the occupied part of the country.

CANAL ZONE.—Gerald D. Bliss informs us that the new Panama Commemorative issue may be expected Nov. 1, with the 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c values, overprinted for use in the Canal Zone.

CHILI.—The *Postage Stamp* says that Chili is preparing to adopt the Dujardin Dry Recess process in its new factory, which will be established shortly in the vicinity of Santiago.

FRANCE.—The permanent issue Red Cross has been issued by France to take the place of the provisional chronicled in No. 1237. W. T. Wilson has shown us the new stamp. The main features of the current issue are retained. The value "10c" is placed in the upper left just under "Republique." "Postes" has been pushed up to the upper right just under the "Francaise," "Croix-Rouge" taking the lower right reading up. In the lower left is a large colorless tablet with a red cross in the upper part and "5c" below.

Adhesive.

10c and 5c red.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS.—The *Postage Stamp* states that there are enough of the 2d and 2½d Pandanus Pine stamps to last to the end of the year, and that there is no intention of issuing King George stamps of those denominations until the Pandanus stamps have been sold out.

INDIA.—*Gwalior.*—W. T. Wilson sends us specimens of the rupee values of India overprinted for use in this state, with the usual two lines in black.

Adhesives.

1r green and red brown.
2r brown and carmine rose.
5r violet and ultramarine.

PENRHYN ISLANDS.—According to an article in the *Australian Philatelist*, on the current ½d stamps are several minor varieties of missing stops after the word "Island," and from the regularity of their appearance on the sheet, it is apparent that the setting has been made up for 60 stamps and repeated four times. There are eight stamps without stop after "Island," viz.:—The 4th and 10th, 16th and 22d in the top row, and the same in the 6th row. In addition to this, there is one stamp on the sheet without stop after "Peni," and another stamp, which no doubt will also be without stop after a few printings, as traces only can be seen at present.

PERSIA.—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* states that on the occasion of the recent coronation of the Sultan Shah Kadjar, a special issue of stamps was placed in circulation for a few days only. Apparently the issue was let out as a concession to a speculator, an ex-deputy of parliament, for a sum of 10,000 tomans, who had the exclusive right of disposing of the remainders.

SWITZERLAND (773 D 783).—*Stamp Collecting* states that following the experiment made last year the Swiss Government will issue in December next two Christmas stamps of the denominations 5 and 10 centimes, the designs by Guillaume Balmer, of Berne, representing respectively a youth and girl in native costume. They are to form the first of a series of designs forming a gallery of national costumes. Five centimes over and above the face value of each stamp will be charged and devoted to charity

DATES OF ISSUE U. S. 1894 SET.

Through the courtesy of H. F. Colman we have received one of the envelopes issued from the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General which contained a specimen set of the 1894. set of United States stamps. The envelope bears the following matter, containing quite a little data worthy of record.

"Universal Postal Union, 1894-5, United States of America.

Ordinary Postage Stamps:—Modified design and new issues uttered as follows:—

1c Oct. 10, 1894	10c Sept. 17, 1894
2c Oct. 5, 1894	10c S.D. Oct. 10,'94
3c Sept. 24, 1894	15c Oct. 15, 1894
4c Sept. 11, 1894	50c Nov. 1, 1894
5c Sept. 28, 1894	$1 Nov. 15, 1894
6c July 18, 1894	$2 Dec. 10, 1894
8c Mar. 25, 1895	$5 Dec. 10, 1894

Newspaper and Periodical stamps:—1, 2, 5, 10, 25 and 50c, $2, $5, $10, $20, $50, $100. Feb. 1, 1895.

Postage Due Stamps:—New design. 1c, Aug. 14, 1894; 2c July 20, 1894; 10c Sept. 24, 1894. The remaining denominations are still issued in the original design."

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Send us a small order when requesting a selection on approval. (* Unused.)

CHINA 1913.

$1.00 ochre & black ..... .08
$2.00 blue & black ..... .20

JAPAN 1908.

5 yen green ..... .08
10 yen violet ..... .20

TASMANIA 1912 PROV.

1p on 2p lightly cancelled ..... .05

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Imperforate Stamps of 1884 are rare.

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*149a .50	Single .13	Pair .25
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*156a .50	Single .13	Pair .25
160a .50	Single .18	Pair .43

No. 153a used on original cover 4.00

Juarez I issue, very cheap, 1879-82. Perforated on four sides, overprint name and number.

	Cat.	Ours
128, 50c green	$ .75	$ .25
129, 85c violet	1.00	.35
130, 100c black	1.25	.40
Thin paper.		
*136, 25c rose	1.50	.60
138, 50c green	1.50	.45
*140, 100c black	2.00	.75
*147, 50c yellow	3.00	.95
*148, 100c orange	3.00	.95

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We have some interesting pairs and blocks of the 1856-1872 issues.

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	Net
1856, 1r orange	.15
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1861, 1r black on green	.13
2r greenish on pink	.05
1864, 2r orange	.07
1868, 6c buff paper	.10
12c green paper	.05
25c blue on pink	.05
1872, 12c blue	.07
25c red	.05

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THE ESSEX PUB. CO.,
Box 115M, LYNN, MASS.

Dutch Indies! Postage Extra on Orders 50c

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20c ultramarine, No. 7 ..... .03
25c dark violet, No. 8 ..... .03
50c carmine, No. 9 ..... .03
1876-86, 12½c gray, No. 15 ..... .03
1883-88, 1c slate green, No. 17 ..... .01
2c red brown, No. 18 ..... .01
2½c yellow, No. 19 ..... .03
1889, 3c lilac, No. 21 ..... .01
5c ultramarine, No. 22 ..... .01
1892-97, 10c red brown, No. 23 ..... .01
15c bistre, No. 25 ..... .02
25c violet, No. 27 ..... .02
1899-09, 10c on 10c gray lilac, No. 31 ... .01
50c on 50c bronze green, No. 36 .03
1901, ½c violet, No. 38 ..... .01
1c olive green, No. 39 ..... .01
2c yellow brown, No. 40 ..... .01
5c rose red, No. 43 ..... .01
1902, ½c on 2c yellow brown, No. 44 ... .02
2½c on 3c violet, No. 45 ..... .03
1902, 10c slate, No. 46 ..... .01
25c violet, No. 50 ..... .02
30c orange brown, No. 51 ..... .02
50c red brown, No. 52 ..... .02
1906, 20c olive green, No. 54 ..... .02

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

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STAMP COLLECTORS GUIDE—By B. W. H. Poole. Price 25c.
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WHAT PHILATELY TEACHES—By John N. Luff. All that its name implies. Price 25c.
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Trade Column.

This column is for the use of our patrons who desire only a few lines of space. If you want to buy, sell, or exchange, it is without doubt the best advertising medium in the world.

RATE.—20c per line, cash in advance. No display allowed. Six words to the line, including address. We offer 50 lines for $7.50, where cash is paid in advance. This space can be used at such times and in such quantities as may be desired.

We shall use every possible endeavor to protect our subscribers, but we cannot undertake to be responsible for unsatisfactory trade relations. Advertisers against whom complaints are proven will be debarred the further use of these columns.

Advertisers sending out approval selections must take precautions to secure satisfactory references. We cannot undertake to settle all the petty disputes arising from the widespread scattering of approval selections.

6000 var. at 66⅔% disc. J. L. WOLFF, 717 Maryland Av., Milwaukee, Wis. [tf*

Do You Use Wolsieffer's Approval Cards? [tf

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CURRENT CHATTER.

By ANGUS McTAVISH.

From the *Philadelphia Stamp News*:—

"Astounding increases in our subscription lists have taken place since our editor departed for his European trip."

When he returns, the office boy, who penned the above, will probably get a rise.

The same paper contains an article dealing with the Emperor Menelik II., of Abyssinia; naturally, being in a stamp paper there are no references to stamps. The following extracts, however, may appeal to some of my readers who are paddling and shrimping at Cologne or Boulogne.

"It is possible for the traveler to find a father with a family of reddish, olive-yellow, brown, and black skinned children, some with straight, others with curly or woolly hair."

After this I am not surprised to read that:—

"Their religion since the year 330 has been Christian."

Menelik appears on the scene, as follows:—

"Menelik, then twelve years of age, was one of his prisoners. Theodorus rightly judging the qualities of his young prisoner, treated him kindly and later had his daughter married to him. In spite of this kindness young Menelik escaped within a year."

Ungrateful young beggar.

After all, natural history extracts from the stamp papers are more amusing than stamp extracts from the *Zoologist*.

Stamp Collecting and H. M. King George:—

"The King was looking at a young man's album the other day, and asked him point blank, 'Were all of these collected, or only bought from the trade?'"

"When the reply was given, 'They were all collected, sir, and not one of them bought,' the King said heartily, 'That's right—that is real collecting'."

What price that Post office Mauritius, and others, your Majesty?

From Ghent, I have received a circular letter, enclosing two sample packets of stamps. These packets are for sale to English speaking people, as evinced by their printed guarantee. No. 1 packet, containing 24 frightfully common stamps, to be retailed at 6d, reads:—

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In the July number of the *L. P.* appears a capable article dealing with the Edwardian 6d stamp. The July *P. R.* contains one describing the 7d value. It is now up against the *M. J.* to publish a treatise dealing with the Edwardian eight-penny.

War news from *The Times*:—

"German wines have fallen on evil days. If light white wines are wanted, attention is directed to the Sauternes and Graves of our friendly French neighbours, or to the Capri and Falerno of neutral Italy. Even the Australian and Californian wines are now preferred to the products of our enemies."

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"A Norwegian barque lay off New Brighton, and a warning shot was fired from one of the batteries. For some reason the foreigner continued to go ahead whereupon other shots were fired. The last shot holed the Allan liner Mongolian through the bows. It is believed that the liner was proceeding up river, and was in the vicinity of the barque at the time."

Bully for one marksmen, but I hope the Mongolian wasn't more than five miles away.

One of the smaller American papers says:—

"Did it ever come to your notice the interesting feature of the 1c and 2c 1893 Columbian Issue? The 1c stamp depicting Columbus in sight of land, shows him clean shaven; on the next morning when he landed, according to the 2c stamp, he had grown a full beard."

Poor old Columbus, not satisfied with his telescope on the St. Kitts-Nevis stamps, his detractors are now casting doubts on his patent brand of hair restorer.

Albanian stamps are not quite so important as they were a couple of months ago. Which nation, by the bye, now owns Albania?

The report that some hundreds of German *P. J. G. B.* subscribers tried to stop the war is probably true. Poor devils, they knew they wouldn't get their Current Chatter.

Georgian white backs will get a bit of a set back, as philatelists of tomorrow will only have time and leisure for war provisionals.

Stamp Collecting says:—

"It is hard to think or write of anything but the Great War into which the Powers have been precipitated since the appearance of our last issue, and its consequences."

Cheer up, *Stamp Collecting*, your last issue wasn't altogether to blame for the Armageddon. Well-beloved mad-dog William is the principal offender.—*Phil. Jour. of Gt. Britain.*

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

WHAT THE SPECIALIST COLLECTS.

In previous articles, I took up the subject of "General Collecting vs. Specialism" and also gave some suggestions concerning special lines to collect. We will now consider that the collector has chosen his countries or group to specialize.

Just what the collector will put into his album and what he will reject as unimportant will depend largely on how deep he wishes to specialize. If he is a mild specialist, he will probably content himself with a used and unused single stamp, the more important minor varieties of color, perforation, watermark, paper, etc., a few covers, and possibly some blocks or strips. As it is impossible to take up each country in this article, we will assume that the collector is giving his entire attention to one country, containing all classes of stamps.

CANCELLED AND UNCANCELLED.

Practically every specialist will agree with me when I say that a truly specialized collection should contain an unused and a used specimen of every stamp. There are many stamps that are quite rare one way or the other, and much pleasure will be found in the hunt to complete the stamps in these two conditions. For instance, the writer finds that while the unused stamps of twentieth century Jamaica are hard enough to secure in some cases, the cancelled copies are many times rarer. The same applies to almost any of the smaller countries. The advantages of collecting both used and unused are many; the unused are usually in better condition than the used, and often make a prettier showing. Many unused stamps are purchased for speculative purposes, and some never see the post office or even the country, while the postally cancelled stamp bears on its face the evidence of being absolutely authentic. In connection with the unused stamps, the more serious specialist can often find several varieties of gum, and so has a few varieties not offered by the cancelled copies.

CANCELLATIONS.

By studying large quantities of stamps, the specialist will often be led to collect the different types or colors of cancellations. These are usually obtainable for merely the time of searching for them, for as a rule they do not command a premium, and of course, do not realize any more when sold, unless some other specialist can be induced to pay a premium for them. Cancellations are interesting, and in many cases are very important, as they aid in placing the issue by dates; often distinguish originals from counterfeits; distinguish postage stamps from telegraphs or revenues; and give miscellaneous information concerning the use of the stamps in various localities. For instance, the cancellation is the only way of distinguishing the Jamaican stamps used in the Cayman Islands prior to the Cayman stamps, or the various English stamps used abroad, or later still, the United States stamps used in Vera Cruz. Certain cancellations as the green cancellations on the early United States stamps are rare and are much in demand. The early United States issues offer many curious and attractive cancellations, as nearly every postmaster made his own cancelling stamp, and as a result some strange designs were used, as the kicking mule, spade, diamond, heart, club, maltese cross, etc. Cancellations are well worth the attention of the specialist.

COVERS.

Many stamps are quite common off the envelope, but are almost unknown on the original cover. A beautiful cover, even though the stamps be the most common, will usually bring more than the usual value of the stamps themselves. Like cancellations, covers tell many curious tales and aid in working out the history of the postal issues. One very important advantage of collecting covers is that it is far harder to counterfeit a cover than it is a cancellation on a stamp off the cover. Every collection should embrace a few of the original envelopes showing the various notations and cancellations gathered by the covers on their journey through the post office.

BLOCKS, PAIRS AND STRIPS.

Many stamps while common in single copies, are almost unheard of in pairs, strips, or blocks. Blocks and strips are very beautiful, as a rule, though beyond this additional rarity, there is really no reason why they should be collected. Of course, in the case of imperforates, a block, strip or pair is really necessary to absolutely prove that the stamp has not been trimmed. Also perforation varieties are often more easy to distinguish in pairs or blocks. A few of these will add materially to the beauty of a collection, and from my remarks above, do not consider that I condemn them.

COMBINATIONS ON COVERS.

As any specialist who cares anything at all about the postal history of his country will endeavor to learn the different rates required, no doubt it will be possible for the collector to gather a nice assortment of covers showing odd combinations of values used to make up the amounts required by the different rates.

SHADES.

Shades are usually caused by the different printings of the stamps. Many shades, particularly of first or last impressions, command quite high prices. These are collectible by the specialist, and often several shades can be gathered. This branch can be carried to extremes, and care should be used to gather the more distinct shades. As an example of the variety of shades, the collector will find that it is almost impossible to buy at the Post Office two stamps of the same denomination at different times without finding a slight shade difference. The authorities on stamp printing claim that it is practically impossible to mix two lots of ink exactly the same, and since impression has much to do with shade as well as the ink, it can readily be seen how difficult it would be to have all stamps of the same shade.

PAPER VARIETIES.

These are usually standard varieties and of course all specialized collections should include them. In many instances, the thick or thin paper classifies the different printings. In a few countries there are many kinds of paper used closely allied with each other, and it is sometimes advisable to cut out a few of these differences. This is up to the collector to do as he sees fit.

PERFORATION VARIETIES.

These are less important than some of the other varieties, though the different perforations often serve to aid in classifying the different issues and printings. Most specialized collections include these varieties.

VARIETIES OF DESIGN; PLATE AND DIE DIFFERENCES.

Most differences of design are highly distinctive and important. Some of course, are trivial, but a specialized collection should include them. Plate and die differences are as a rule of less importance, and many times are almost impossible to distinguish. The collector should suit himself about these. It is possible to find a vast number of hairline varieties, dots on Washington's nose, broken types, and the like. Some collectors get a deal of pleasure from research work of this kind, but in the writer's opinion it is "zero in sports" and certainly accomplishes little, for the collector or for the philatelic world in general. The collector can readily decide for himself, with the aid of the various catalogues, just what is worthy of a place in his album, and what is not.

WATERMARKS.

These are usually classed as standard varieties, and as such should be collected.

SIDE-LINES.

The individual collector must decide whether he shall collect officials, dues, seals, post-cards, envelopes, revenues, etc. These lines certainly add to the interest and knowledge of the specialism game, and are worthy of a certain amount of attention.

POSTAL AND PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

While this is hardly a matter to be taken up in connection with the collection itself, it is one of paramount importance. The success of a specialized collection will hinge on the amount of study given it by the collector. In order to learn every detail about the postal organization and the stamps of a country, it is necessary to know something of the country itself, and especially necessary to know about the postal needs and regulations of the country. Much important and valuable data can be gleaned from the hand-books and texts on the various countries, most of which contain copies of the necessary documents and rulings of interest to the collector. Of prime importance, of course, is the catalogue. The serious collector will not content himself with one catalogue, but will use two or more. In selecting catalogues, it is best to use: first, Scott, since that is the list adopted by American collectors as a rule, and quite dependable as a basis of values; second, Stanley Gibbons, for varieties unlisted by Scott (and Scott vice versa) for more general information and statistics, for a basis of values in the English market, and also as a check on values listed in Scott; third, Senf or Yvert & Tellier, for possible varieties not listed elsewhere, for information not contained elsewhere, and for a guide to values in the German or French market as a check to American values; (as these latter are printed in German or French, it is quite essential that a slight knowledge of those languages be had, though much can be gained with the aid of a dictionary); lastly, a catalogue issued in the country, if possible, to give more complete information and local market values. This last is quite difficult to obtain, as very few catalogues are issued aside from those issued in United States and Europe. With the aid of the above, hand-books, and price lists from dealers, the collector should be in position to pursue his work. The most important rule is that of success in anything: Work hard; Stick to it; Don't give up; Use your head and eyes.

WHEAT AND CHAFF.

Lot No. 220 in a Western auction catalogue is described as being "½c black, imperf. superb copy with newspaper cancellation on small size lady's entire." Can't see how the size of the lady should affect the entire. Possibly, since this has a newspaper cancellation, it is meant to be a "small size lady's wrapper."

Also, the same catalogue lists some lots as coming from "Straights Settlements." The writer must have been thinking of the collection work after the sale. Or possibly, that little game last night.

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The Issue of 1870.

Included in this issue are the stamps of the National, Continental and American Bank Note Company issued between 1870 and 1890 except the 1 cent blue of 1887, the 2 cent brown and the 2 cent green of the same denomination, the 4 cent green and the 4 cent carmine, the 5 cent brown and the 5 cent blue of 1888. The issues during this period present considerable difficulties in the way of logical arrangement combined with simplicity, but the writer believes that a fair working basis has been evolved.

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1c BLUE.
National.
170A. 170A.2 " Double paper. 170A.22 " Ribbed paper. 170A.23 " Stitch wmk. 170A.24 " Grilled. 170A.25 " " 10x10. 170A.2501 " " 10x12. 170A.2502 " " 11x13. 170A.2513 " " 13x15. 170A.2535 " " 13x16. 170A.2536 " " Marginal. 170A.2597 " " Double grill. 170A.2599
Continental.
170A.3 " Double transfer. 170A.31 " Double paper. 170A.32 " Ribbed paper. 170A.33 " Stitch wmk. 170A.34 " Grilled. 170A.35 " Cog wheel cuts. 170A.36 " Reprint. 170A.37
American.
170A.4 " Double transfer. 170A.41 " Re-engraved. 170A.43 " " Double trans. 170A.431 " " Circle 8 holes. 170A.438 " Stitch wmk. 170A.44 " Reprint. 170A.47

170B.
2c BROWN.
National.
170B. 170B.2 " Double paper. 170B.22 " Ribbed paper. 170B.23 " Stitch wmk. 170B.24 " Grilled. 170B.25 " " 10x10. 170B.2501 " " 10x12. 170B.2502 " " 11x13. 170B.2513 " " 13x15. 170B.2535 " " Marginal. 170B.2597 " " Double grill. 170B.2599
Continental.
170B.3 " Double paper. 170B.32 " Ribbed paper. 170B.33 " Stitch wmk. 170B.34 " Grilled. 170B.35 " Reprint. 170B.37 " Vermilion. 170B.39 " " Double paper. 170B.392 " " Reprint. 170B.397 " " Imperforate. 170B.398
American.
170B.4 " Reprint. 170B.47

170C.
3c GREEN.
National.
170C. 170C.2 " Double paper. 170C.22 " Ribbed paper. 170C.23 " Stitch wmk. 170C.24 " Grilled. 170C.25 " " 10x12. 170C.2502 " " 10x13. 170C.2503 " " 11x11. 170C.2511 " " 11x13. 170C.2513 " " 12x14. 170C.2524 " " 13x15. 170C.2535 " " 13x16. 170C.2536 " " Marginal. 170C.2597 " " Double grill. 170C.2599 " Imperforate. 170C.28 " Printed reverse. 170C.29
Continental.
170C.3 " Horizontal cuts. 170C.31 " Double paper. 170C.32 " Ribbed paper. 170C.33 " Grilled paper. 170C.35 " Cog wheel cuts. 170C.36 " Reprint. 170C.37 " Imperforate. 170C.38 " " Vertically. 170C.385
American.
170C.4 " Re-engraved. 170C.43 " " Circle 8 holes. 170C.438 " Reprint. 170C.47 " Vermilion. 170C.49

170E.
5c BLUE.
Continental.
170E. 170E.3 " Double transfer. 170E.31 " Double paper. 170E.32 " Ribbed paper. 170E.33 " Stitch wmk. 170E.34 " Reprint. 170E.35
American.
170E.4 " Reprint. 170E.45

170F.
6c RED.
National.
170F. 170F.2 " Double paper. 170F.22 " Ribbed paper. 170F.23 " Stitch wmk. 170F.24 " Grilled. 170F.25 " " 11x12. 170F.2512 " " 13x15. 170F.2535 " " Marginal. 170F.2597 " " Double grill. 170F.2599

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170G. 7c VERMILION.
170G.2 National.
170G.22 " Double paper.
170G.23 " Ribbed paper.
170G.24 " Stitch wmk.
170G.25 " Grilled.
170G.2513 " " 11x13.
170G.2515 " " 13x15.
170G.2537 " " 13x17.
170G.2597 " " Marginal.
170G.2599 " " Double grill.
170G.3 Continental.
170G.32 " Double paper.
170G.33 " Ribbed paper.
170G.34 " Stitch wmk.
170G.35 " Grilled.
170G.37 " Reprint.

170AX. 10c BROWN.
170AX.2 National.
170AX.22 " Double paper.
170AX.23 " Ribbed paper.
170AX.24 " Stitch wmk.
170AX.25 " Grilled.
170AX.2535 " " 13x15.
170AX.2597 " " Marginal.
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170AX.3 Continental.
170AX.31 " Double transfer.
170AX.32 " Double paper.
170AX.33 " Ribbed paper.
170AX.34 " Stitch wmk.
170AX.35 " Grilled.
170AX.37 " Reprint.
170AX.385 " Imperf. Vert.
170AX.4 American.
170AX.43 " Re-engraved.
170AX.47 " Reprint.

170AB. 12c VIOLET.
170AB.2 National.
170AB.22 " Double paper.
170AB.23 " Ribbed paper.
170AB.24 " Stitch wmk.
170AB.25 " Grilled.
170AB.2513 " " 11x13.
170AB.2597 " " Marginal.
170AB.2599 " " Double grill.
170AB.3 Continental.
170AB.32 " Double paper.
170AB.33 " Ribbed paper.
170AB.34 " Stitch wmk.
170AB.35 " Grilled.
170AB.37 " Reprint.

170AE. 15c ORANGE.
170AE.2 National.
170AE.22 " Double paper.
170AE.23 " Ribbed paper.
170AE.24 " Stitch wmk.
170AE.25 " Grilled.
170AE.2513 " " 11x13.
170AE.2535 " " 13x15.
170AE.2597 " " Marginal.
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170AE.3 Continental.
170AE.32 " Double paper.
170AE.33 " Ribbed paper.
170AE.34 " Stitch wmk.
170AE.35 " Grilled.
170AE.37 " Reprint.
170AE.4 American.
170AE.47 " Reprint.

170BD. 24c PURPLE.
170BD.2 National.
170BD.22 " Double paper.
170BD.23 " Ribbed paper.
170BD.24 " Stitch wmk.
170BD.25 " Grilled.
170BD.2513 " " 11x13.
170BD.2525 " " 12x15.
170BD.2597 " " Marginal.
170BD.2599 " " Double grill.
170BD.3 Continental.
170BD.32 " Double paper.
170BD.33 " Ribbed paper.
170BD.34 " Stitch wmk.
170BD.35 " Grilled.
170BD.37 " Reprint.

170CX. 30c BLACK.
170CX.2 National.
170CX.22 " Double paper.
170CX.23 " Ribbed paper.
170CX.24 " Stitch wmk.
170CX.25 " Grilled.
170CX.2535 " " 13x15.
170CX.2597 " " Marginal.
170CX.2599 " " Double grill.
170CX.3 Continental.
170CX.32 " Double paper.
170CX.33 " Ribbed paper.
170CX.34 " Stitch wmk.
170CX.35 " Grilled.
170CX.37 " Reprint.
170CX.4 American.
170CX.47 " Reprint.
170CX.49 " Brown.
170CX.498 " " Imperforate.

170JX. 90c CARMINE.
170JX.2 National.
170JX.22 " Double paper.
170JX.23 " Ribbed paper.
170JX.24 " Stitch wmk.
170JX.25 " Grilled.
170JX.2513 " " 11x13.
170JX.2515 " " 11x15.
170JX.2525 " " 12x15.
170JX.2536 " " 13x16.
170JX.2597 " " Marginal.
170JX.2599 " " Double grill.
170JX.3 Continental.
170JX.33 " Ribbed paper.
170JX.34 " Stitch wmk.
170JX.35 " Grilled.
170JX.37 " Reprint.
170JX.4 American.
170JX.45 " Imperforate.
170JX.47 " Reprint.
170JX.49 " Purple.

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1887 SERIES.

187A. 1c BLUE.
187A.28 Imperforate.
187B.2 2c BROWN.
187B.25 Reprint.
187B.28 Imperforate.
187B.5 GREEN.
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Newfoundland	1880, 1c gray br.*	.35	.13
Newfoundland	" 2c green*..	.50	.22
Newfoundland	1887, 3c brown..	.18	.05
Newfoundland	1896, 6c carmine*	.50	.24
Newfoundland	1896, ½c or. red*	.40	.11
Newfoundland	" 1c brown*	.35	.13
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Newfoundland	" 3c blue*...	1.50	.45
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Newfoundland	" " 6c br.	.12	.06
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Denmark	1913, 1k brown.....		.06
Denmark	" 2k gray.....		.22
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	" $2 green & black		1.50
	" $5 brown & black....		2.50
Liberia	1906, Off. $1 green & gray...		.75
	" " $2 plum & black..		1.50
	" " $5 orange & black		2.50
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190D.	4c	BROWN.
190E.	5c	CHOCOLATE.
190F.	6c	RED BROWN(?).
190H.	8c	LILAC.
190AX.	10c	GREEN.
190AE.	15c	BLUE.
190CX.	30c	BLACK.
190JX.	90c	ORANGE.

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193D.	4c	BLUE.
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1895,	2c carmine, triangle I, II, III,used	.10
1894,	4c brown, mint	.07
	5c chocolate, mint	.11
	10c green, mint	.18
1895,	5c chocolate, mint	.11
Pan American	4c, used	.05
	8c, mint	.15
1902-3,	13c purple black, used	.04
	50c orange, used	.07
1908-9,	13c green, used	.12
	13c green, mint	.22
	50c purple, used	.11
	$1.00 brown, used	.22
1912.	50c purple, used	.09
	50c purple perf. initials, used....	.06
	$1.00 brown, used	.22
Parcel Post	50c, used	.40
	50c precancelled, used.....	.30
	75c precancelled, used.....	.60
	$1.00 precancelled, used ...	.55
Treasury Dept.	2c used	.07
	3c used	.05
	7c used	.70
	10c used	.14
Postal Savings	1c purple, used	.08
	10c red, used	.02
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30c	.05
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$1.00 Mortgage	1.25
$2.00 Mortgage	.07
$2.00 Probate of Will	.42
$2.50 Inland exchange	.07
$5.00 Mortgage	.42

Canal Zone	1904, 2c on Panama, mint..	.04
	1909, 8c reading down, used	.09
	1909, 8c reading up, used..	.07
	1911, 10c on 13c, used	.06
Congo,	1894, 25c orange & black, mint	.13
	1894, 50c green & black, mint	.16
	1895, 5c brown & black, mint.....	.06
	10c bluish & black, mint.....	.07
	1900, 50c olive & black, used.....	.11
	1908, 5c green & black, hand stamped, mint	.07
	1910, 25c blue & black, used.....	.06
Dutch Indies,	Buiten Bezit.	
	15c chocolate, used	.08
	25c violet, used	.03
	30c orange brown, used	.04
	50c red brown, used	.04
	1g dull lilac, used	.22
Java	15c chocolate, used	.04
	20c olive, used	.03
	25c violet, used	.03
	30c orange brown, used	.03
	50c red brown, used	.03
Hong Kong	1890, 30c green, used	.09
	1890, 20c on 30c green, used	.05
	15c on 18c purple, used	.06
	$1.00 black on red, used	.32
	do. fiscal cancellation, used	.15
	1904-7, 10c blue on blue, used	.08
	20c brown & black, used ..	.04
	30c green & black, used ...	.06
	50c violet & green, used ...	.14
	do. fiscal cancellation, used	.05
	$1.00 fiscal cancellation,used	.08
Mauritius	1895-7, 18c blue & green, used	.14
	1902, 15c green & orange, used ...	.12
	1904, 3c green & carmine, used..	.11
	15c black on blue, used	.07
Philippines	1881-88, 6 2/8 on 12 4/8 gray, mint	.47
	1891, 25c dull blue, mint	.08
	1892-3, 1c violet, mint	.07
	1896, 20c orange, mint	.08
	1898, 2c dark blue, mint	.18
	8c gray brown, mint	.05
	1906, 10c violet black, used	.06
	20c brown, used	.05
	30c olive, used	.08
	1911-13, 20c orange, used	.04
Siam	1883, 1 att blue, used	.40
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*94	Sierra Leone 2½d ultra	.25	.18
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97	Sierra Leone 5d violet & green	..	.40
*50	Gold Coast 1d violet & carm.	.25	.15
*49	Gibraltar 1d violet & red	.20	.12
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EDITORIAL.

War Zone Letters—We have seen a "prisoners of war" letter from "Prisoners of War Camp, Dorchester, England." The letter which was sent to a Milwaukee address was unsealed and bore the three markings as follows, in postmark form: First—Post Free, Prisoners of War. Second—P. C., (Passed Censor) and third, London, E. C., Postage Paid; and initials and number of inspector and date. Another cover that attracts the philatelic eye is one, registered, that originated in Austria that bears labels inscribed: Officially Sealed in Returned Letter Section, London Postal Service; and the printed slip, Opened by Censor. Further, the wax seal impressed Returned Letter Branch, London G. P. O., secures the flap.

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Special Service—An envelope from Germany is shown us bearing the 20pf blue of Germany with the cancellation and postmark of Washington, D. C., October 13, 1914. The printed inscription in the upper left hand corner of the envelope tells that the letter came from Berlin. On the face of the envelope is the explanation stamped in two lines: Received through Department of State in Diplomatic Pouch. From this it might be inferred that the letter was intended for Washington but on the contrary it was sent to a Chicago firm in the ordinary course of business. It is evident that under these circumstances the mail comes uncensored but it is supposed that the inclusion of letters in the "diplomatic pouch" is a guaranty of propriety of contents of the letters, although we cannot say what requirements must be met to attain the distinction of entry into the "diplomatic pouch."

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A Familiar Face—The death of Charles the first of Roumania will cause collectors to ponder over the thought that the old order changeth. Through their familiarity with the portrait of the king on the stamps for so many years, philatelists feel that they have a more intimate knowledge of the personage than the outsider who does not visualize the king. As prince and king, Charles I enjoyed one of the longest periods of stamp portraiture that has fallen to the lot of any sovereign. The stamp productions of Roumania have been fast and furious in recent years and their profusion has not stimulated the best interest in Roumania's later issues. In a philatelic sense there is no keen interest in the effect of King Charles' death. The successor is Crown Prince Ferdinand who was proclaimed heir-presumptive in 1889. Roumania's history is very readable and it were well if the short biographical details given in the newspapers in the death notice of the king would lead collectors to learn of Roumania's rise.

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The Revenue Bill—The senate of the United States is reported as having removed the tentative tax on proprietary medicines but as having retained that on perfumery, cosmetics and chewing gum. We spoke of the probability that medicines would be taxed following the customs of the past but it seems that the senate was very solicitous about the welfare of the "common peepul" as it is represented that it did not wish to tax the "poor man's medicine." Evidently, the senators are only theoretical patrons of the medicaments in question, else they would know that patent medicines remain the same in price when they are taxed. The manufacturers and not the people pay the tax on the "poor man's medicine." Why external decoration is penalized and internal irrigation encouraged is a puzzle to us even though it may not be to the oracles at Washington.

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Responsive Chord—Here is a clipping to which philatelists' attention is being called by loving friends; it seems to strike the non-philatelic public as the epitome of all that is roguish at the expense of philately and the writer of it may know that he has made a palpable hit: "A New York man has just paid $1,100 for a 30-cent postage stamp because the flags on it were printed upside down. Couldn't Congress manage to put the war tax on transactions like that?"—St. Louis *Republic*. The paragrapher's question is a very human one these days and we do not find it hard to understand the state of mind that gave rise to the inquiry but even so, there is an underlying significance to the words that shows that philately's prospects are rosy even in these drab days.

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Mexico's Mixture—The new Sonora stamps represent a return to the primitive and they will not be cited as examples of the advanced art of stamp production. Really, Sonora has been treated very well and it should not impose upon the good nature of philatelists by *outré* issues. Description of these emissions falls to the lot of our new issue man. However, the latest from Mexico are the 5, 15 and 20c, of the current federal issue, with the surcharge printed in black in two vertical lines separated by a small ornament suggesting a dollar mark with a single line through the S placed on its side: "Gobierno-Constitucionalista." In all probability, other denominations of the set have also been surcharged.

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German Stamps in Belgium—In the latter part of September an English newspaper announced that "special German stamps have been issued at Brussels, for the occupied part of the country." Similar information was given soon after by newspapers in this country. We have seen these German war stamps for Belgium, the 3, 5, 10 and 20pf of the current set of Germany surcharged: "Belgien", 3, 5, 10 and 25 cts. (centimes) respectively. The stamps which are held at a good price but no doubt a justifiable one bring the fact of war strikingly to the eye of the collector. Through *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*, just at hand, we glean some interesting particulars regarding this issue by the military authorities under German occupation. Through an emissary, the publishers of our contemporary succeeded in securing a number of the stamps which were served sparingly, four to an applicant with letters, because of the restricted number of the issue available. A German official is reported as having said that the surcharged stamps were only for temporary use pending the preparation of "an issue in special design intended to be in pfennig values," the inference being that the occupation of Belgium by the Germans was to be permanent. It may be added that the postmarks on the German stamps on letters from Belgian towns in which German "feld post" offices have been established are in demand from their historical associations and we can believe the statement that they are scarce and much sought after.

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Heavy Toll—We have been informed of the death of a number of philatelists in the ranks of the different nations at war and we need say that we bitterly regret the unhappy circumstances that made these sacrifices necessary. It is sad indeed to contemplate the passing away on the battle-field of members of our fraternity to whom we are drawn in sentiment whatever may be their nationality.

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*Nyassa '03, Provis. Nos. 39-43	.46	.12
Panama 1892, 10, 20, 50c	.74	.18
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*St. Helena King Ed. 2½d, No. 56, cat. .35	.10
Japan 1908, 5 yen, No. 113, cat. .35	.07
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—"I notice the stand you take in your last issue about pound stamps,—bully for you! I for one am glad that one paper has back bone enough to turn them down."—N. R. HOUDLETTE.

—Knowing that ordinary postage stamps must accumulate in the office of the WEEKLY, our oldtime friend and patron, C. F. Richards, writes us that he will take a goodly quantity of what is gathered. We shall be very pleased to get a similar word from any of our friends who have a use for 1c and 2c stamps.

—The P. O. Dept. of New York City held up the auction catalogs of the Ohlman October 29 sale, on account of cut of a foreign stamp on envelope in which catalogs were mailed. The only way the envelopes were passed was by covering the cut. Mr. Ohlman has taken the matter up with the P. O. Dept. at Washington.

—Following his usual custom, H. Wesley Legg has removed from Pepperell, Mass., to the city for the winter, and will hereafter be addressed as follows:—H. Wesley Legg, Madison Square Branch, N. Y. City. His business will be conducted by mail but Mr. Legg will always be pleased to meet friends and clients by appointment. Attention is called to his advertisement elsewhere in the WEEKLY.

—We are indebted to W. J. Stanton for particulars in connection with the Mexican provisional issues which have already been published in our columns.

—R. H. Cooley, Phila., Pa., sends us a specimen of an advertising cancellation that is worthy of note. The postmark reads "Philadelphia, Pa. Aug. 26, 3.30 P. M. 1899". Within the bars cancelling the stamp in an oblong oval are the words "Natl. Export Exposition, Sept. 14, 1899-Nov. 30." Mr. Cooley considers this an "early date" and we are obliged for the information conveyed.

—A number of S. P. A. members in Perry, Ohio, have organized locally and asked for a branch charter from the S. P. A. It will prove a lively branch. In this connection may we call attention to Mr. Webb's continued advertising in our trade column proclaiming the merits of the Southern Philatelic Association.

—According to Whitfield King's list the stamps of the following offices ceased to exist October 1:—Austrian, British, French, German, Italian and Russian Levant. From the same source we learn that Gold Coast stamps without surcharge are being used in Togoland, recently taken from the Germans.

—Through an editorial lapse, the Annual Year-Book of the Dakota Philatelic Association, 1914, which was received over two months ago was not referred to in our columns. Even at this late day, we make amends for the oversight and say that this annual compiled by John J. Warns, Chairman, Wentworth, S. D., and W. W. Hansen, year-book committee, under the auspices of the Dakota Philatelic Association, is a creditable production of twenty pages and is evidence of the activity and enterprise of the progressive state organization in question. While not a few pages are devoted to society statistics and reports, there are a number of readable articles in the book to commend it otherwise.

—The entire sheet of 150, as issued to postmasters, of the three-cent blue 1869, U. S., in mint and centered condition with marginal inscriptions complete, which was in Edward Michael's recent auction sale brought $225. A "western collector" is said to have secured this unique piece.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from E. M. White, W. T. Lathrop and Herman W. Boers (8).

—Benn Weisner would like the address of the party using bill head of the Canton Flue Blower Co., Canton, O., in sending order for stamps advertised in the WEEKLY. No name was signed to the order.

—The Coöperative Exchange announces in connection with their next auction sale that they will give 1% of the entire amount realized to the American Red Cross Society to aid the destitute in Europe and the wounded soldiers on the battle fields. This coöperation upon the part of the company is very commendable, especially when it is known that there is a large amount of expense in the present-day conducting of auction sales.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

Scott's Standard Catalog, 1915.—Scott Stamp & Coin Co., publishers. Price cloth, $1.00; paper, 85c.

Already the larger part of our subscribers have purchased the 1915 edition of the Scott Catalog. It is a substantial book and invaluable to any collector. With any inconsistencies that it may possess, we have always championed this book as well worthy of the name "standard" and the publishers are to be congratulated upon the compact, cleanly printed volume that lies before us. The cuts are uniformly clear and all in all the work is a very creditable one. Its disposition of major and minor types will appeal strongly to both general collector and specialist. So far as prices are concerned, the editor is disposed to leave that matter to the dealer and collector.

"B. B."
BROWN'S BULLETIN.
BOSTON

is a periodical price list which I have issued under this caption for over 10 years!

Cayman	10sh	"white"	$3.80
"	1sh	"	.45
Hong Kong	12 and 50	"white"	.60
Ceylon	1r	"	.55
"	2r	"	1.10
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Advertising Chat—No. 9.

Hooray for the Braves! And that reminds us that the WEEKLY has a fielding average of 1000 and is batting far over the 300 mark. Bro. Eaton is very quiet these days but probably because it costs to talk. H. A. Fenster renewing his subscription advised us, "Put your money on the Braves—they are sure winners," but the advice came too late—the third game had been won.

Excuse us for getting sidetracked—it's advertising we offer you—the best medium in the world and the proof of this assertion will be found in our columns of attractive offers. If you are a live, up-to-date dealer you can't afford to remain out of the WEEKLY.

This week A. E. Tuttle joins the WEEKLY family. Also G. W. Matthews, Madison, Ind., L. Townsend Reckard of Chicago will be with us every week and his free offer of Columbian exposition tickets will start something. L. W. Charlat, an old time patron, takes one of our famous quarter pages and W. S. Aldrich keeps him company. These quarter pages give you access to 7800 paid subscribers and only $15.00 outlay or 10c per line.

Believe us there will be something doing next week! If paper is late, be as patient as possible, for at least 12 pps. will be served you. The time is not far distant when the WEEKLY will be issued in 12 pp. form during the busy season.

We shall come again!

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

P. S. Bro. Eaton is heard from as we go to press. He writes: "I enclose check for $6.60 in payment for advg. but presume you will not even look at it as your head will be so high in the air after the great victory won by the Braves."

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Scott's Nos. from 1915 Catalogue.
No. 78 Denmark 35 ore on 20 ore rose & gray .12
No. 84 Denmark 5kr red ..... .90
No. 89 Denmark 5 ore yellow green ..... .01
No. 90 Denmark 10 ore red ..... .01
No. 91 Denmark 15 ore violet ..... .05
No. 92 Denmark 20 ore deep blue ..... .05
No. 93 Denmark 25 ore dark brown ..... .06
No. 94 Denmark 35 ore orange ..... .10
No. 95 Denmark 50 ore red violet ..... .10
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NOTICE

On October 1, 1914 I start on an extended trip through the Central and Eastern States, returning to the Pacific Coast about six months later. During this time my stamp "business" must be suspended. First class mail addressed "453 East 53rd St., Portland, Ore.," will be forwarded and I should like to make arrangements by mail to meet various stamp men whom I have previously known only through our correspondence. [44

H. L. WILEY.

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2c red brown, No. 18	.01
2½c yellow, No. 19	.03
1889, 3c lilac, No. 21	.01
5c ultramarine, No. 22	.01
1892-97, 10c red brown, No. 23	.01
15c bistre, No. 25	.02
25c violet, No. 27	.02
1899-09, 10c on 10c gray lilac, No. 31	.01
50c on 50c bronze green, No. 36	.03
1901, ½c violet, No. 38	.01
1c olive green, No. 39	.01
2c yellow brown, No. 40	.01
5c rose red, No. 43	.01
1902, ½c on 2c yellow brown, No. 44	.02
2½c on 3c violet, No. 45	.03
1902, 10c slate, No. 46	.01
25c violet, No. 50	.02
30c orange brown, No. 51	.02
50c red brown, No. 52	.02
1906, 20c olive green, No. 54	.02

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You will want the WEEKLY as long as you live. Why not renew your subscription and get the catalog free? Here is our offer:

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—George P. Smith writes as follows: "In the October 10th issue of MEKEEL'S. I notice that you draw attention to the Officially Sealed stamps on watermarked paper. In the latter part of your paragraph your statement makes it appear that the printing is so arranged that this watermark appears in the center of the sheet of twenty stamps; four stamps at each end being unwatermarked. This is not correct. This watermark may appear in any position on the sheet, in fact I examined some sheets on which parts of the watermark appear at each end. Stamp Journals have from time to time called attention to various perforations of these stamps but the ground has not entirely been covered. The Officially Sealed stamps come perforated both horizontally and vertically; also rouletted horizontally and vertically; rouletted vertically and perforated horizontally; also rouletted horizontally and perforated vertically. I also have seen a sheet rouletted on three sides and perforated on the fourth and a sheet perforated vertically. I might add that every one of these are genuine as I have seen them in books at post offices, so that in no way could they be considered printers' waste. The Government not only issue these in sheets four by five but they also distribute these in books two by five. These books are the larger books cut in half."

FRANCE.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the permanent Red Cross stamp as noted last week.

INDIA.—*Chamba.*—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 4a King George stamp, overprinted "Chamba—State" at the top and "Service" at the bottom for use in this state.

GERMANY.—*Offices in Belgium.*—Frank M. Mason sends us the first of Germany's contribution to the philatelic history of the war. This consists of the three lower values of the current watermarked stamps of Germany, surcharged "Belgien" and new values in centimes. The printing is done in the same type and style as the lower values of German Morocco, the lines being close together and covering the bust of Germania. All surcharges are in black and carefully printed in brilliant ink. Mr. Mason writes "that my correspondent has the only lot available, and that they were obtained by a Belgian gentleman at the risk of his life." The first part of this statement seems to put the matter squarely up to the other American dealers.

Adhesives.
3c on 3pf brown.
5c on 5pf green.
10c on 10pf carmine.

MEXICO.—*Sonora.*—Recent numbers of MEKEEL'S have contained news items regarding the various reissues of the Sonora provisionals. Now comes the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. with an entirely new issue. The shape is an upright oblong 21x25 mm.; type set and printed in three colors. First, there is a tint block just fitting within the plain rule border of each stamp. This background is in blue on the 1c and orange on the 5c. Over this is a round seal, showing a diligence. This seal was printed on the 1c and green on the 5c. Over all is the stamp proper printed in black, the border being also in black. The inscriptions read "Correos—1—Centavo—Sonora—Mexico."

WANT LISTS SOLICITED

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Mr. Matlock sent me a list of 15 Argentine stamps and I sent him 11 of them. Mr. Quesnel sent a list of 251 wants of which I sent him 163, all at 66⅔% discount. Others did likewise. Try me and see if I can't do as well for you. Local and visiting collectors are invited to come in and "browse around" (apologies to Mr. Drew). You will be welcome whether you desire to purchase or not and you'll find as many bargains in "Philadelphia's browsery" as you will elsewhere. I have a large, well lighted office.

A. E. TUTTLE, 1510 Chestnut St., PHILADELPHIA, PA

Provisional Adhesives.
1c black, red and blue.
5c black, green and orange.

NICARAGUA.—H. Chitraro has shown us the current 1c stamp, Scott's No. 330I in blue instead of green. Whether it is a changeling or an error in printing is not known, though the color is bright and clear.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—The current 3c stamp has been issued perforated 10 and from the sample submitted with straight edge it would seem to come from a booklet. We are indebted to Theodore Siddall for specimen copy.

ST. THOMAS & PRINCE ISLANDS.—Mr. Schachne reports the 1914 issues as detailed below.

Post Cards.
1c green and black on buff.
2c red and black on white.
1x1c green and black on buff.
2x2c red and black on white.
Letter Cards.
2½c lilac and black on yellow.
5c blue and black on white.
2½x2½c lilac and black on yellow.

LYON ON HIGH COST OF LIVING.

There's no such thing right now as the high cost of living!

W. Parker Lyon, former mayor of Fresno, says so. And he is smiling himself.

Just to prove his assertion, ex-Mayor Lyon shows a $4000 note. The note was issued in 1864. The person who gave it had paid $8657 in interest in six years, and——

Still owed a total of $8265.52!

Nowadays, Mr. Lyon asserts, one can borrow money at 6 per cent. interest each year. The interest charged in 1864—when you could buy eggs at 15 cents a dozen or less—was 6 per cent. a month, compound interest.

Until he found this note, discovered in a collection owned by a woman in Virginia City, Nevada, ex-Mayor Lyon credited himself only with having been mayor, a furniture dealer and a successful real estate man. Now he claims to be a discoverer. Here's how:

Mr. Lyon says he wanted to drop out of politics when he left the mayor's chair in 1909, so he took up stamp collecting. He won a wager of $10,000 during 1910 for collecting 30,000 stamps. It was in this collection that he located the $4000 note and discovered that the "twentieth century person" does not appreciate good times when he has them.

The note, which Lyon contends explodes the high cost of living theory is signed by J. H. Mallett, president, and Monroe Thomson, secretary, of the Milton G. and S. M. company. It was endorsed by several millionaires of Nevada and payments were made at the rate of $240 per month, until Aug. 2, 1870.

"High cost of living?" queried Mr. Lyon today. "There's no such thing."

"If we all went back to the much-heralded ways of 1864 we might have a real kick coming."—Los Angeles *Express.*

TWIN CITY SOCIETY MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Twin City Philatelic Society was held in Minneapolis, October 10, with an attendance of 22 members, and 6 visitors. Plans were made for a sales department in addition to conducting auction sales as heretofore.

Two names were proposed for membership, making the present membership 58. The society meets alternately in Minneapolis and St. Paul, and includes all the leading, as well as many of the younger, collectors of both cities.

There is a strong interest in the organization, and it is expected that the membership will be largely increased during this season.

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5 yen green ..... .08
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1p on 2p lightly cancelled ..... .05

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*156a .50	Single .13	Pair .25		
160a .50	Single .18	Pair .43		

No. 153a used on original cover 4.00

Juarez I issue, very cheap, 1879-82. Perforated on four sides, overprint name and number.

	Cat.	Ours
128, 50c green	$ .75	$ .25
129, 85c violet	1.00	.35
130, 100c black	1.25	.40
Thin paper.		
*136, 25c rose	1.50	.60
138, 50c green	1.50	.45
*140, 100c black	2.00	.75
*147, 50c yellow	3.00	.95
*148, 100c orange	3.00	.95

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STILL ON GENERAL COLLECTING VS. SPECIALISM.

My first article of this series, in which I advised collectors to collect everything, and *not* to specialize, has drawn so much comment from various sources that I believe it advisable to say more on this subject. I received several letters from "specialists" commending my article, and stating that they regretted having disposed of their large collections to devote their attentions to specialism. On the other hand, some few collectors differed with me, and told how specializing was the only way. I have done both, so feel pretty confident to judge.

While I do not say that specialism should be avoided by all collectors, I do advise the beginner to let it alone until he has gained more experience in the game of philately. In the first place, for a limited amount of money (and most beginners limit their stamp money), very little can be done in the way of specialism when compared with the vast amount of material that can be secured for general collecting. The specialist who only gets an occasional stamp may not keep up his interest in the hobby, while the collector who gathers everything will always have plenty of material to work on. "Variety is the spice of life," applies to philately as to everything else. If you can't collect everything, collect a group, as twentieth century, or nineteenth century, or the Eastern or Western Hemisphere. Don't limit your field to one country.

Another important fact to consider is that in order to specialize correctly and to secure the desired results, the collector must have considerable knowledge of stamps. This knowledge can only be obtained by experience, and the more general the experience, the more thorough the subject is learned.

An Ohio dealer, in his letter to me, blames specialism by beginners as the cause of the loss of interest in the hobby by many of the younger collectors, and I cannot help but feel that he is correct. Certainly the collector cannot have as much fun working on one five dollar stamp as he can on two hundred and fifty two-cent varieties. The result is that when the collector begins to pay fancy prices for single stamps, without having the large collection to necessitate them, he begins to wonder if the game is worth the candle.

I frequently purchase large lots of stamps on covers from mail order houses, and I defy any specialist to duplicate the fun I have in going through these mixed assortments, noticing the odd designs and strange post-marks. While the specialist is going over ten thousand copies of the 2c stamp of 1890 looking for a broken "O" or a right cap, I can, with the aid of my stamps, see the strange sights of Delphi, Hankow, Suva, the Amazon, and some thousand of other places.

Also, after I have collected some four or five thousand varieties of stamps, I have a collection of interest to anyone, collector or non-collector. My collection meets with praise from everyone who sees it, as it is interesting. Were I to limit my collection to one certain issue, as many collectors do, and to fill my album full of the same stamps but showing a dot after Washington's nose, a broken line in the left corner, paper graduated to ten-thousandths of an inch, and the other trifles the specialist bothers about, my collection would not only fail to interest the majority of people, but my friends would begin to question my sanity.

In looking over a large assortment of different varieties, I am impressed with the beauties of the printer's art, and I am benefitted by my study of the stamps as issued by the different peoples of the world. Were I to spend my time looking for the minor varieties of surcharge or otherwise, I would only be impressed with the stupidity of the printer who worked on the stamps, and who made the error.

In this series of articles, I have argued pro and con the question of specialism, and it is my sincere hope that every collector will consider the matter carefully before he makes a decision.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

M. K.—I cannot explain the change in color of your revenue stamp, but believe you will find that it is oxidized. This condition can occur by exposure to the air, or by time, which while acting on the properties of the ink, would not affect the paper. At an early date I shall go into the subject of oxidization and chemical changes more in detail. I do not believe that this stamp was issued by the government in this condition, chiefly because too close a watch is kept on the manufacture of stamps to allow errors in color to slip through, and secondly, if such an error did exist, it would have been discovered and listed before this.

G. K.—Revenue stamps may be more interesting on "cover" than off, but are hardly worth any more. Of course, a collector might be found who would pay a premium for them in this condition.

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Whether the stamps you mention are left on cover or not will make very little difference. Suit yourself. In the course of the heavy mail in the large cities, some stamps are bound to escape the cancelling stamp.

A. T.—Your description is too inadequate to tell exactly from what countries the stamps in question come. I should say that they were locals of some sort, presumably German.

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An American who arrived Oct. 3 from Petrograd displayed copies of the stamps that are being sold everywhere in Russia in aid of a fund for the benefit of the wounded and the widows and orphans of the war. They are of the denominations of 1, 5, and 10 kopecks, and there is nothing about their design to suggest the Red Cross.

These stamps are about twice as long as the ordinary postage stamp, and a trifle wider. All bear the date of 1914, with Russian inscriptions. The one-kopeck stamp, against a brilliant red background, shows the Russian coat of arms and the imperial crown, against crossed draped standards. The five-kopeck stamp shows the flags of Russia, Great Britain, and France flying above the smaller flags of Belgium, Servia, and Montenegro, the whole against a background of a rising sun.

The ten-kopeck stamp is very martial in appearance, containing a warship in action with a couple of aeroplanes flying overhead, while below are an aeroplane pictured in detail, a piece of field artillery, with shells, a rifle and equipment.

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We ask our subscribers to continue their co-operation in getting new subscriptions and a list of premiums elsewhere in this issue is offered for perusal. No premiums are given unless the new name has never before been on our list.

THE PRESENT NUMBER.

We greet you this week with a sixteen page paper. It is presented as the natural outgrowth of a business activity that demands an opportunity to express itself. The stamp business, if we may judge our columns, is on an energetic campaign for new avenues of opportunity and the outlook is promising. Our advertising rates are so low that no dealer can afford to remain out of our columns—unless there be no need of going after business.

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A SPECIAL FEATURE.

This particular issue of the WEEKLY speaks for itself. We commence an article on the 3c green U. S. that for research will show what can be done with an exceedingly common stamp. The article is copyrighted by Mr. Wiley. Our various departments are well sustained and we thank our subscribers and advertisers for making this issue possible without any fuss or feathers on our part.

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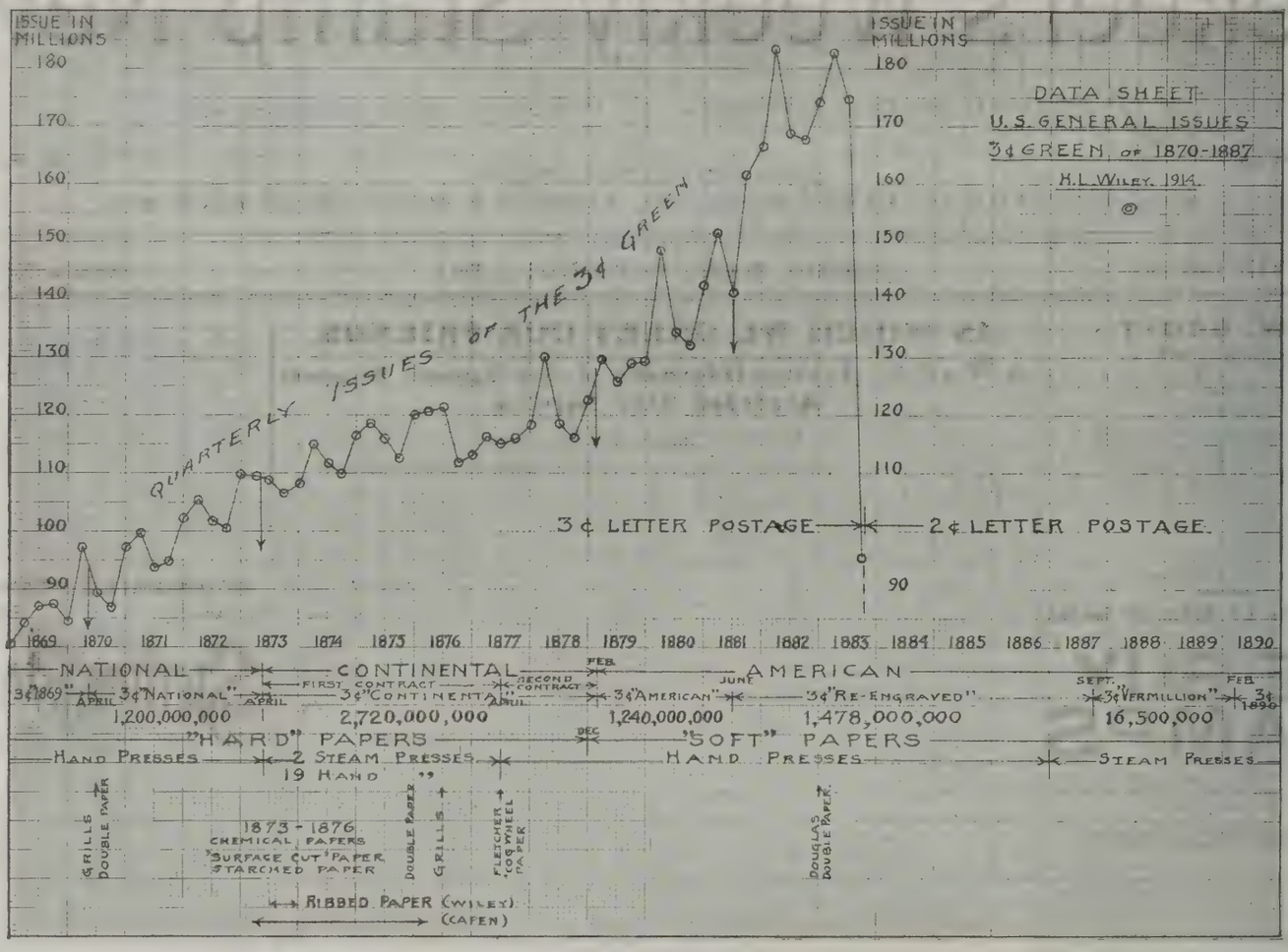
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DATA SHEET U. S. 1870-1887, 3c GREEN.

THE U. S. 3c GREEN, 1870-1887.

By H. L. WILEY.

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Continued study of these common stamps is attended with increasing interest. Numerous varieties of more or less importance to the student are found in the various printings.

When I turned my attention to these stamps I found the available data widely scattered throughout the pages of various publications and my first work was to concentrate these widely distributed notes. With the work already accomplished by other writers, my own notes are herewith combined, and I hope that this "summary" may contain something of interest for those collectors who enjoy the twists and turns of the complicated issues of a "common" stamp.

The common groups into which these stamps are divided are marked by the three companies which printed them. The design of the stamps was changed during the contract of the third company, thus creating a fourth variety which constitutes an additional main division. These principal divisions are as follows: printings by

1. National Bank Note Company.
2. Continental Bank Note Company.
3. American Bank Note Company.
4. Re-engraved Issues by the American Bank Note Company.

These various printings are commonly termed:

1. "National."
2. "Continental."
3. "American."
4. "Re-engraved."

The duration of the several printing periods was as follows:

Printing.	Inclusive Dates.	Elasped Time.
National	Mar., 1870 to Apr., 1873	36 Mos.
Continental	Apr., 1873 to Feb., 1879	70 "
American	Feb., 1879 to Apr., 1881	24 "
Re-engraved	Apr., 1881 to Sept., 1887	77 "

My personal estimate of the total number of stamps of each printing is as follows. It is believed to be within 3% of the correct figure.

Printing.	Total.
National	1,200,000,000
Continental	2,720,000,000
American	1,240,000,000
Re-engraved	1,478,000,000
(Vermilion '87-'90)	16,500,000

In 1883 the 2c rate for letter postage became effective and the issues of the then current 3c green fell to a comparatively insignificant figure. The color of the 3c stamp was changed to vermilion in 1887. During the life of the vermilion stamp, about 30 months, approximately 16,500,000 were printed and issued.

An "unpicked" mixed lot of 10,000 of the National and Continental issues only contained the following percentages of the various minor varieties.

Variety.	% of Total.	No. Found
Pen cancellations	2%	200
Blue "	8%	800
Red "	1/12 of 1%	8
Purple "	5/12 of 1%	42
Pairs and strips (stamps)	7%	700
Blocks "	1/4 of 1%	25
Grilled	1%	100
Stitch Watermark	1/12 of 1%	8
Ribbed paper, Vert. Ribs	1/30 of 1%	3
" " Hor. "	2%	200

The stamps on vertically ribbed paper are evidently much scarcer than those on the horizontally ribbed paper. They are usually more easily distinguished than the horizontally ribbed variety and that may account for their relative scarcity in some instances where collectors have examined certain lots upon which other opinions are subsequently based.

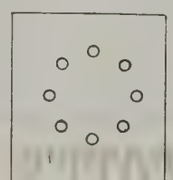
The Papers Used.

The general characteristics of the papers used in the various printings are substantially as follows:

Issue	Texture.	Av. Thickness.	Color
National	Hard	.0027"	White
Continental	Hard	.0027"	White
American	Soft	.0030"	Cream
Re-engraved	Soft	.0030"	Cream

A few of the later stamps printed by the Continental Bank Note Company were on the soft "American" papers. Probably 50,000,000 of these soft paper stamps were the Continental printings. The plates used by the Continental Company for printing the soft paper stamps include Nos. 265 and 290. The known shades of these printings are gray-green and deep green.

The National Issues include double paper varieties which are rare. The double papers are fairly common in the Continental issues. The Re-engraved stamps are found on the "Douglas" patent paper in which the thinner of two layers is perforated with 8 small holes, arranged in a circle and so spaced that one complete design falls upon each stamp in the sheet.



"DOUGLAS" PATENT ON 3¢ RE-ENGRAVED. DOUBLE PAPER & 8 HOLES.

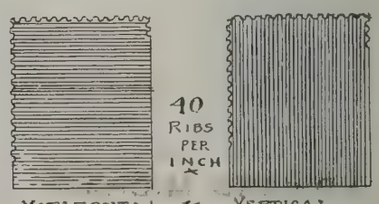
The Continental series include a few experimental specimens printed on a thin paper in the fibers of which a heavy starch filling had been incorporated under the terms of one of the numerous patents of the Charles F. Steel series. This patent was dated March 15, 1875. It is reported that 10,000 of these stamps were printed and sold.

Another Continental paper experiment includes a double paper in which the surface paper had been weakened by a number of short horizontal cuts.

All of the Government attempts at protection from the activities of the "stamp cleaner," involved additional printing costs and considerable expenditure for patent rights and royalties so it is reasonbale to assume that the Post Office Department has suffered less from the stamp cleaners than it would have from the inventors.

The greatest production of these altruistic gentlemen was the grill or embossing which was used from 1867 to 1870. The grilling process broke the fibers of the paper so that the grilled stamps, in the blush of their perfection, absorbed almost one-fiftieth as much of the cancelling ink as the ordinary soft paper issues of the American series. The ribbed paper varieties of the Continental series form an interesting variety and are treated here at some length.

Ribbed Paper.



The ribbed paper stamps comprise about 2% of those printed by the Continental Bank Note Company,—about 55,000,000 having been on the ribbed paper. The ribs are either vertical or horizontal and are spaced 40 to the inch. They show on both sides of the paper, but are generally more distinct upon one side than the other. They are more plainly visible by reflected light than by transmitted light, that is they are more distinct when the surface of the stamp is viewed directly than when the stamp is held "to the light."

The horizontal ribs are more fre-

quently found in mixed lots, the ratio being about 20 horizontally ribbed specimens to 1 showing the vertical ribs. The stamps with the ribs showing only on the face or inked side are five or six times as scarce as those with ribs showing on the reverse and are somewhat more difficult to find because of the inked surface having been affected and flattened by contact with the plate.

The ribbed effect varies from faint but unmistakable traces over parts of the stamp to clear ribbing over the entire surface. The common shade in which 95% of these stamps is found is a rich olive green, tinged with a golden yellow, but lighter shades of a character entirely different are sometimes found. The characteristic dark shade is found in stamps showing no trace of the ribbed effect and this fact adds another complicating feature to these stamps. Two or more inks were used while the ribbed paper was in service, and two or more papers were used while the characteristic shade of ink was being applied. It is not possible for me to state which was used first or which lasted the longest and the problem calls for dated copies, the only feasible means by which this point can be determined.

Assuming that approximately 55,000,000 ribbed paper stamps were printed and that the average weekly output was 9,000,000 stamps it will be seen that these stamps were printed within a period of about six weeks. The average deliveries to postmasters during the time the Continental Company was at work, was 115,000,000 stamps per quarter. The average during 1873, 1874 and 1875 was slightly lower than this but was in excess of 110,000,000 stamps per quarter. To assume that 35,000,000 was the monthly output of 3c stamps for this period is probably within 5% of the correct figure. This assumption indicates that 55,000,000 ribbed paper stamps were printed in six weeks provided that these ribbed paper specimens formed the entire output of the presses working on 3c stamps.

That they did is supported by the fact that very few ribbed paper stamps exist except in the characteristic shade and it is highly improbable that the characteristic ink would have been confined to only a part of the presses engaged in printing the stamps. The Continental Company used nineteen hand presses and two steam presses but the ribbed papers were not the product of the steam presses because the work done on these presses was confined to five values, the 1c, 2c and 3c of the general issue and the 2c and 3c of the Post Office Department and the ribbed papers are found on many other values of general and departmental issues.

Another fact that tends to support the "quick work" theory is that the characteristic ink is practically confined to the 3c ribbed paper stamps whereas if the ribbed paper had been used through an extended period the stamps printed thereon would be found in as great a number of shades as the ordinary varieties.

We must conclude therefore, that Crawford Capen was in error when he stated that "The first use of paper of this kind was made in 1873, the largest use in 1874 and the final use late in 1875 or possibly early in 1876." My opinion is that this paper was used for a period of approximately six weeks. I have no dated copies but as Capen refers to the use of the paper as early as 1873 and as the general appearance of the stamps indicates a decided effort toward perfection which might naturally characterize the early efforts of the new contractors, I am inclined to believe that the stamps were printed sometime between June and December, 1873. Dated copies can fix the date at which the stamps appeared and the foregoing analysis seems to limit the period during which the paper was being used.

The plate numbers of two other denominations of the ribbed paper stamps are known; they are No. 22 for the 7c stamp and No. 31 for the 15c stamp. These low numbers would tend to fix the period during which the ribbed paper was used but this evidence is not worth much because but one Continental plate was made for each of the values noted. The last recorded delivery for the 7c was for the quarter ending June 30, 1875, so we may at least say that the paper was used before that date.

Contact with a worn blanket on the press roll or with the sheets of mill boards between which bunches of sheets are flattened after being printed might have produced the ribbed paper but both of these theories must be discarded in this instance because these ribbed papers are almost invariably found in the one shade of ink. We cannot believe that this one peculiar shade of ink was successfully obtained month after month or that the shade was perfectly matched by subsequent batches of ink. The ink was used for a limited time, probably less than two months, because practically no stamps are found in this shade except those on ribbed paper.

The thickness of the ribbed paper is as follows:

RIBBED PAPER—THICKNESS TABLE.

Thickness, Inches.	No. on Hor. Ribs.	No. on Vert. Ribs
.0023	1	—
.0024	5	—
.0025	8	8
.0026	24	2
.0027	26	—
.0028	20	3
.0029	3	—
.0030	4	1
.0031	1	—
.0032	1	—
.0033	1	—
.0034	1	—
Total	95	14

The average thickness is .00265", the minimum is .00230", and the maximum .00340". It will be noted that fully 80% of the ribbed paper specimens range in thickness between .0025" and .0028", a characteristic peculiar to these stamps.

Probably the most interesting detail in connection with the ribbed paper is that the dimensions of the stamps printed thereon are different from those of all other stamps. This proves conclusively that the paper is a distinct and individual product of the paper mills, a distinct variety, and entitled to recognition as such.

The dimensions of the ribbed paper stamps which I have examined are as follows:

Note. The dimensions of the design are expressed in thousandths of an inch, the thickness of the paper in ten-thousandths of an inch.

Dimensions of Design and Thickness of Paper, Vertically Ribbed, 3c 1873.

No.	Width.	Length.	Thickness.	Shade
1	.760	.995	.0025	Light
2	.770	.990	.0025	Light
3	.770	.990	.0025	Light
4	.770	.990	.0025	Normal
5	.770	.990	.0026	Normal
6	.770	.990	.0028	Normal
7	.770	.990	.0028	Normal
8	.770	.995	.0025	Light
9	.770	.995	.0025	Green
10	.775	.995	.0025	Bluish
11	.775	.995	.0025	Normal
12	.775	.995	.0025	Light
13	.775	.995	.0025	Light
14	.780	.995	.0026	Light
15	.780	.995	.0028	Normal
16	.780	1.000	.0029	Light
17	.780	1.000	.0030	Light
Average	.773	.9971	.002625	

Dimensions of Design and Thickness of Paper, Horizontally Ribbed, 3c 1873.

No.	Width.	Length.	Thickness.	Shade
1	.780	.985	.0023	Normal
2	.780	.980	.0024	Light
3	.780	.980	.0024	Light
4	.780	.980	.0024	Normal
5	.785	.980	.0024	Normal
6	.785	.990	.0024	Normal
7	.780	.980	.0025	Normal
8	.780	.990	.0025	Normal
9	.780	.990	.0025	Normal
10	.780	.975	.0025	Normal
11	.780	.975	.0025	Normal
12	.785	.980	.0025	Light
13	.785	.980	.0025	Normal
14	.785	.990	.0025	Normal
15	.780	.975	.0026	Normal
16	.785	.975	.0026	Normal
17	.780	.980	.0026	Normal
18	.785	.980	.0026	Normal
19	.785	.980	.0026	Normal
20	.785	.980	.0026	Normal
21	.785	.980	.0026	Normal
22	.785	.985	.0026	Light
23	.785	.985	.0026	Light
24	.785	.985	.0026	Light
25	.785	.985	.0026	Normal
26	.785	.985	.0026	Normal
27	.785	.985	.0026	Normal
28	.785	.985	.0026	Normal
29	.785	.985	.0026	Normal
30	.785	.985	.0026	Normal
31	.785	.985	.0026	Normal
32	.785	.985	.0026	Normal
33	.785	.985	.0026	Normal
34	.785	.985	.0026	Normal
35	.785	.990	.0026	Light
36	.785	.990	.0026	Normal
37	.785	.990	.0026	Normal
38	.785	.995	.0026	Normal
39	.780	.980	.0027	Normal
40	.780	.980	.0027	Normal
41	.780	.980	.0027	Normal
42	.780	.980	.0027	Normal
43	.785	.980	.0027	Light
44	.785	.980	.0027	Normal
45	.785	.980	.0027	Normal
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48	.790	.980	.0027	Normal
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51	.785	.985	.0027	Normal
52	.785	.985	.0027	Normal
53	.785	.985	.0027	Normal
54	.785	.985	.0027	Normal
55	.785	.985	.0027	Normal
56	.785	.985	.0027	Normal
57	.785	.985	.0027	Normal
58	.790	.985	.0027	Light
59	.780	.990	.0027	Normal
60	.785	.990	.0027	Normal
61	.785	.990	.0027	Light
62	.790	.990	.0027	Normal
63	.790	.990	.0027	Normal
64	.790	.990	.0027	Normal
65	.780	.980	.0028	Light
66	.780	.980	.0028	Normal
67	.780	.980	.0028	Normal
68	.780	.985	.0028	Light
69	.780	.985	.0028	Normal
70	.780	.985	.0028	Normal
71	.785	.985	.0028	Light
72	.785	.985	.0028	Normal
73	.785	.985	.0028	Normal
74	.785	.985	.0028	Normal
75	.785	.985	.0028	Normal
76	.785	.985	.0028	Normal
77	.785	.985	.0028	Normal
78	.790	.985	.0028	Normal
79	.790	.985	.0028	Light
80	.785	.990	.0028	Light
81	.785	.990	.0028	Normal
82	.785	.990	.0028	Normal
83	.785	.990	.0028	Normal
84	.785	.990	.0028	Normal
85	.790	.990	.0028	Light
86	.790	.990	.0028	Normal
87	.785	.980	.0029	Normal
88	.785	.985	.0029	Normal
89	.785	.985	.0029	Normal
90	.780	.980	.0030	Light
91	.790	.980	.0030	Normal
92	.785	.985	.0030	Light
93	.785	.985	.0030	Normal
94	.785	.985	.0030	Normal
95	.785	.985	.0030	Normal
96	.785	.990	.0030	Normal
97	.785	.990	.0030	Normal
98	.790	.990	.0030	Normal
99	.790	.990	.0030	Normal
100	.790	.990	.0030	Normal
101	.785	.990	.0031	Normal
102	.785	.990	.0032	Normal
103	.790	.990	.0033	Normal
104	.785	.985	.0034	Normal
Average	.784	.985		

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Of 20th Century English Colonials with Cuba and Canal Zone thrown in for luck. Stamps have never been hinged and are all o. g. and fine.

AITUTAKI.
1912, Nos. 7, 9, 10..... .13

ANTIGUA.
1882, 1d, No. 13 ..... .06
1903, 2d, No. 23 ..... .12
3d, No. 25 ..... .20
5sh, No. 30 ..... 2.00
1908, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 6d .42
1912, 1, 2, 5sh, per sh .. .30

AUSTRALIA.
1913, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3d.. .45
4, 5, 6, 9d 1.00
1, 2, 5, 10sh at .... .30
1d re-engraved .... .10

BAHAMAS.
1902, 4d, No. 36 CA.... .18
1sh, No. 38 CA.... .45
2sh, No. 42 CC.... .70
6d, No. 48 CAC.... .30
Geo. ½, 1, 2½, 4, 6d .. .40
Geo. 1sh, 5sh, per sh .... .30
Geo. £1, per sh ..... .29

BARBADOS.
1899, 2d, No. 88 ..... .14
1904, 1f, ½, 2½d ..... .30
2sh 6d, No. 99 .... 1.67
1907, 1f, No. 108 ..... .12
2d, No. 109 ..... .25
2½, No. 110 ..... .40
1909, 1f, 1d, 2d ..... .19
6d, No. 114 ..... .42
1sh, No. 115 ..... .60
1912, ¼, ½, 1, 2d ..... .13
2½, 3, 4, 6d ..... .42
1sh, 2sh, 3sh at.. .30

BECHUANALAND.
1912, 1sh, No. 82 ..... .32

BERMUDA.
1865, 1sh, No. 7 ..... .60
1880, ½d, No. 15 ..... .12
1884, 1d, No. 20 ..... .06
2½d, No. 22 ..... .12
3d, No. 23 ..... .13
1902, ½d, No. 26 ..... .07
3d, No. 28 ..... .16
1906, 2d, No. 33 ..... .11
2½d, No. 34 ..... .17
1908, 4d, No. 39 ..... .14
1910, 1f, ½, 1, 2d ..... .12
2½, 3, 6d ..... .31
1sh, No. 47 ..... .30

BRITISH GUIANA.
1901, 6c, No. 157 ..... .35
Geo. 2, 4, 5, 6c, .22; 12c, 24c, .44

BRITISH HONDURAS.
1902, 5c, No. 60 ..... .15
20c, No. 61 ..... .32
1904, 10c, No. 65 ..... .18
50c, No. 68 ..... .70
1.00, No. 69 ..... 1.40
2.00, No. 70 ..... 2.75
Geo. 1, 2, 5, 10c ..... .25
25, 50c, 1.00 ..... 2.10

CANADA.
1898, 6c Numeral ..... .20
1902, 7c Queen ..... .14
1903, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10c ..... .37
1908, ½, 1, 2, 5, 7c ..... .32
Geo. 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 ..... .34

CANAL ZONE.
1909, 8c, No. 39 ..... .17
Nos. 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 .. .45
1911, 10c on 13c ..... .15
1914, 10c gray ..... .13

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.
1898, 2d, No. 58 ..... .15
3d, No. 59 ..... .18
4d, No. 60 ..... .25
1902, 3d, No. 62 ..... .33
½, 1, 2, 2½, 3d... .52
4d, No. 68 ..... .17
6d, No. 69 ..... .22
1sh, No. 70 ..... .42
5sh, No. 71 ..... 2.10

CAYMAN IS.
1905, 1d, No. 9 ..... .70
2½d, No. 10 ..... .35
6d, No. 14 ..... 1.75
1sh, No. 15 ..... 1.87
1907, ½, 1, 2½, 3d .... .35
4d, No. 25 ..... 2.87
6d, No. 26 ..... .26
1sh, No. 27 ..... .50
1908, 1sh, No. 29 ..... 1.10
Geo. ¼, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6d .38
2sh, 3sh, per sh .... .32

CEYLON.
1903, 2c, 3c ..... .13
5c, 12c ..... .40
15c, No. 172 ..... .33
30c, No. 174 ..... .25
75c, No. 175 ..... .87
1r 50c, No. 176 .. 5.25
1904, 2, 3, 4, 5c ..... .22
12c, 15c, 30c ..... .52
25c, No. 185 ..... 1.00
1908, 5c, 6c ..... .10
1910, 10c, 25c ..... .25
50c, No. 194 ..... .34
R1, No. 195 ..... .68
R2, No. 196 ..... .87
Geo. 2, 3, 5, 6, 10c .... .15
15, 25, 30, 50c .... .55
R2, No. 213 ..... 1.50

CUBA.
Nos. 229, 230, 231 ..... .30
Nos. 233-4-6-7 ..... .42
No. 238, 50c ..... .82
No. 238, fine used ..... .12
No. 244, 10c ..... .14
1914, 1, 2, 3, 5c ..... .17
8, 10, 50c ..... .83
$1, No. 260 ..... 1.20
10c, No. 353 ..... .18
10c, No. 354 ..... .18
10c, No. 355 ..... .13

CYPRUS.
1882, 12pi, No. 25 ..... 1.50
1903, ½pi, 30pa ..... .15
1pi, No. 40 ..... .87
45pi, No. 47 ..... 3.87
1904, ½, 30, 1, 2, 4pi.. .42
6pi, No. 53 ..... .45
9pi, No. 54 ..... .38
12pi, No. 55 ..... .50
18pi, No. 56 ..... .72
45pi, No. 57 ..... 1.75
1907, 5pa, 10pa ..... .05
Geo. 10pa, ½pi, 1pi .... .08
2, 4, 6, 12pi ..... .80

DOMINICA.
No. 26, 1d chalky ..... .50
No. 28, 2½d chalky .... .40
No. 29, 3d chalky ..... .50
No. 32, 2sh ordinary 1.33
No. 33, 2sh 6d ordinary.. 1.68
No. 36, 1d CAC ..... .30
No. 37, 2d CAC ..... .30
No. 38, 2½d CAC ..... .42
No. 39, 3d CAC ..... .45
No. 40, 6d CAC 3.25
No. 41, 1sh CAC ..... .75
1908, ½, 1, 2½d ..... .12
6d, No. 51 ..... .16
1sh, No. 52 ..... .32

EAST AFRICA & UGANDA.
1904, ½, 1, 2a ..... .30
2a, No. 21 ..... .30
4a, No. 22 ..... .40
5a, No. 23 ..... .50
8a, No. 24 ..... .70
1907, 1, 3, 6c ..... .13
Geo. 1, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15c .25
25, 50, 75c ..... .67

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
1892, 2d magenta ..... .08
9d vermilion ..... .30
1904, ½, 1, 2, 2½d ..... .33
6d, No. 26 ..... .40
1sh, No. 27 ..... .60
3sh, No. 28 ..... 2.75
5sh, No. 29 ..... 3.50
Geo. ½, 1, 2, 2½, 6d.... .35
1sh, 3sh, 5sh, per sh .32

FIJI ISLANDS.
1878, 6d, No. 44 ..... .32
1891, 2½d, No. 49 ..... .17
4d, No. 50 ..... .22
No. 55, 56, 57, 58 ..... .45
1903, 2d, No. 61 ..... .12
3d, No. 63 ..... .12
4d No. 64 ..... .14
5d, No. 65 ..... .18
6d, No. 66 ..... .25
Nos. 70, 72, 73 ..... .18
1909, 1sh, No. 74 ..... .75
1911, 6d, No. 75 ..... .25
1sh, No. 76 ..... .50
Geo. ½d, 1d, 1sh ..... .37

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3c Continental—Summary of Dimensions of Design of Ribbed Paper Stamps.

NOTE.—Number measured; Vert. Ribs, 17: Hor. Ribs, 96. "V" indicates column for Vertically ribbed stamps, etc.

	WIDTH OF DESIGN													
Length	.760″		.765″		.770″		.775″		.780″		.785″		.790″	
	V.	H.	V.	H.	V.	H.	V.	H.	V.	H.	V.	H.	V.	H.
.975									1		1		2	
.980									13		12		3	
.985									6		35		9	
.990					35				1		16			
.995	6				11		24		12		1			
1.000									12					

The above summary indicates that all *vertically* ribbed stamps are .990″ or *more* in length and .780″ or *less* in width and that all horizontally ribbed stamps are .990″ or *less* in length and .780″ or *more* in width. That is, the vertically ribbed stamps are almost invariably *longer* than any normal stamp not on ribbed paper and that over 80% of the horizontally ribbed stamps are wider than normal specimens not on ribbed paper.

Thickness of Papers Used In Various Printings.

(Thickness is given in ten-thousandths of an inch.)

Thickness. Inches.	National No.	National Per Cent.	Continental No.	Continental Per Cent.	American No.	American Per Cent.	Re-engraved No.	Re-engraved Per Cent
.0019	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
.0020	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
.0021	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
.0022	1	1	7	2	—	—	—	—
.0023	4	4	3	1	—	—	—	—
.0024	6	6	16	5	—	—	—	—
.0025	22	22	56	18	1	—	—	—
.0026	15	15	33	11	2	1	3	4
.0027	19	19	54	17	2	1	2	3
.0028	14	14	59	19	12	4	3	4
.0029	9	9	18	6	5	2	1	1
.0030	4	4	38	12	46	15	20	25
.0031	1	1	7	2	8	3	1	2
.0032	2	2	12	4	49	17	13	17
.0033	1	1	3	1	45	15	6	9
.0034	—	—	2	1	49	17	8	11
.0035	—	—	—	—	35	12	6	8
.0036	—	—	—	—	18	6	4	5
.0037	—	—	—	—	13	4	3	4
.0038	—	—	—	—	6	2	2	3
.0039	—	—	—	—	4	1	2	3
.0040	—	—	—	—	4	1	1	1
.0041	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
Total Observed	100		311		301		75	

Summary of Paper Measurements.

National,	83%	included between	.0025	and .0030
Continental,	83%	" "	.0025	" .0030
Continental, Ribbed,	80%	" "	.0025	" .0028
American,	85%	" "	.0030	" .0036
Re-engraved,	77%	" "	.0030	" .0036

I believe that the foregoing record of paper thicknesses will serve to reduce the amount of guess work which has characterized paper descriptions. I found that some of the "thin" paper, submitted by several of our well known "experts," measured over .0030″ and that some of the "thick" papers of which they were equally positive in their descriptive terms, measured less than .0026″, merely proving that they guessed incorrectly. I have learned that the texture of the paper controls the opinions generally rendered as to its thickness. Some day I believe that the use of an accurate micrometer will supersede the pinching and flipping and smelling and snapping by means of which our authorities form their valued opinions relative to the thickness of paper.

Double Paper.

The National printings include several values on double paper, made under the specifications of the Steel patent which was issued February 16, 1869. It is probable that the three cent stamp exists on this paper although all that are reported by Luff are two values, the six cent and the twenty-four cent. All of the lower values of the Continental printings have been found on double paper. The shades of the 3c stamp on this paper are "Green, Dark Green, Pale Blue-Green," according to Luff.

The paper consists of a comparatively thick base which is approximately .0025″ thick and a thinner sheet which measures about .0012″, making the total average thickness of the double paper stamps .0037″ although copies are found varying in thickness from .0035″ to .0041″. Contrary to the general belief I have found that continued boiling in violently agitated water will not separate the two sheets composing a double paper stamp and I doubt if any have been separated by soaking in cold water. In looking for these things I measure the thickness of the stamps and any that are found to exceed .0034″ are laid aside as "suspects" and later, boiled for five minutes. After this the stamp is laid upon a glass surface and an instrument with a razor edge about 0.10″ in length (made from a strip of the blade of a safety razor) is used in starting the break between the two sheets forming the stamp. Any stamp on reasonably thick paper can be split for a short distance by this process and the entire batch of "suspects" are thus treated and laid aside for about twenty minutes. The corners of the stamp, thus separated, afford holds for two pairs of straight edged tweezers. After the moisture has practically all evaporated, but while the glue or size in the paper is still "plastic" an attempt is made to lengthen the separation between the two corners which have been "scraped" apart. If the stamp separates cleanly and easily, and does not tear through either sheet it is assuredly a double paper specimen, but if the tendency is for one of the corners to tear loose from the stamp it may be regarded as a "thick paper" variety. In the average batch of ten Continental stamps suspected to be on double paper, the harvest usually consists of about eight specimens. The value of the micrometer is therefore readily apparent. The instrument which I use for these measurements was specially constructed for this work and the ordinary micrometer calipers are practically useless in this connection.

Practically all of the American printings can be separated into two sheets of paper because the ink and the varnish and drier contained therein form a semi-waterproof, compact surface fabric from which the back of the stamp may be detached. These are not "double paper" stamps and are not often offered as such.

(To be continued.)

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1893	2, 5p, unused	.10
1905	1c on 2c, unused, No. 312	.10
1905	1c on 10c, unused, No. 314	.10
1905	1c on 13c, brown, No. 324	.10
1907	10c on 6c rose & black, unused	.10
1911	5, 12c, unwmkd.	.10
1912	1, 2, 5, 6, 12, 17c	.12
1906	3c black, Official, unused	.20
1911	1c to 1col, Official, 8 var. unused	.25

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THE STAMPS OF WURTEMBERG.

By B. W. H. POOLE.

The kingdom of Wurtemberg lies between Baden and Bavaria and touches Switzerland (Lake of Constance) on the south. It entirely surrounds Hohenzollern, in which state, as well as in Baden, it owns several enclaves. Its total area is 7529 square miles and it has a population of about three millions. It is drained for the most part by the Neckar and its tributaries, while the Danube crosses the country towards the south. The most striking geographical feature is the Swabian Alb, the most characteristic portion of the South German Jura. The Black Forest borders the kingdom on the west. On the whole the surface lies high (3000 to 1500 feet), the greater part belonging to one or other of the German plateau systems; but there are many valleys, all of great fertility. Agriculture is the principal industry; wine and fruit are produced in large quantity; and market gardening is actively pursued at Stuttgart, Ulm, Heilbronn and elsewhere. Iron and salt are mined and there are numerous mineral springs scattered over the whole kingdom. There is a good deal of manufacturing industry of a varied character, the more important branches producing iron, gold, and silver goods, cutlery, fire-arms, machinery, scientific and musical instruments, chemicals, prints and books, confectionery and beer. The capitol of the kingdom is Stuttgart.

The bulk of the people (69 per cent.) are Protestants; the Roman Catholics, who have a bishop at Rottenburg, amount to 30 per cent., and there are about 12,000 Jews. The state university is at Tübingen, and there is a polytechnical high school at Stuttgart. Education stands at an exceptionally high general level, even for Germany; there is not a single individual in the kingdom over ten years of age who is unable to read and write. Wurtemberg has four votes in the Federal Council, and returns seventeen deputies to the Imperial Diet. The Wurtemberg troops constitute the 13th Army Corps of the German Army, having a total strength of about 24,000. The king is a hereditary constitutional sovereign and he is assisted by two houses of parliament. The national receipts and expenditures balance at about $17,500,000 per annum, while the national debt, nearly all incurred for railways, stands at about $110,000,000.

The territory now called Wurtemberg, then occupied by the Suevi, was conquered by the Romans in the first century, A. D. In the third century it was settled by the Germanic Alemanni and they, in turn were subdued by the Franks. In the 9th century it was incorporated in the duchy of Swabia, Ulrich (1241-65) being the first count. In 1495 the reigning count was made a duke of the empire. Duke Frederick II, (1797-1816) on going over to the French was rewarded with 850 square miles of new territory and an addition of 125,000 subjects, as well as the dignity of Elector (1802). In Napoleon's war against Austria (1805) he sided with the French, and his troops fought with them down to 1813; in return for which he acquired the kingly title and an increase of territory which more than doubled the number of his subjects. Throwing in her lot with Austria in 1866, Wurtemberg was beaten at Könniggrätz and Tauberbischofsheim, and her king (Charles, 1864-91) was compelled to purchase peace from Prussia at the cost of an indemnity of $4,000,000.

ITS POSTAL HISTORY.

From an early period the postal service of Wurtemberg was, with some interruptions, in the hands of the princely House of Thurn and Taxis, but by an agreement dated March 22nd, 1851, the Government of Wurtemberg liberated itself by purchasing the postal privileges from July 1st of that year for the sum of 1,300,000 florins (about $525,000). It then proceeded to form its own administration and to join the German-Austrian Postal Union, established by the convention of April 6th, 1850. As one of the provisions of this convention required the adoption of postage stamps, preparations were immediately made for providing them, and by a notice of October 7th, 1851, the public were informed that stamps of 1, 3, 6 and 9 kreuzer would be on sale at the various post offices on the 12th of that month, and that their use would commence from the 15th of the same month. In design these stamps are very similar to those of Baden, issued a few months earlier. All values were printed in black on colored papers, the design, common to all, mainly featuring large numerals to denote the respective denominations. In December, 1856, the numeral design was suppressed in favor of a new one showing the Arms of the kingdom. The values were the same as before with an 18kr stamp in addition, and all were printed in color on white paper, the paper containing orange colored silk threads like the "Dickenson" paper employed in Great Britain. In June, 1858, the stamps began to appear on plain white wove paper, without silk threads, while about November, 1859, perforation was introduced. The next change, occurring in February, 1861, was a somewhat minor one affecting the paper which was much thinner than before. In 1862, the 1, 3, 6 and 9 kreuzer were issued with a perforation gauging 10 instead of 13½ as before, while in 1863-64 all denominations appeared in new colors conforming to the color scheme adopted by the German-Austrian Postal Union. In 1865 the 1, 3 and 6kr were issued with roulette instead of perforation, the 9kr followed in 1867 and the 18kr in 1868 and in the latter year a new value, 7kr, also rouletted, was added to the series. In 1868 the Government decided to abandon the typographic embossing process as it was found too expensive, especially in the case of the lower denominations. Ordinary typographic printing was adopted and with the new process a new design was introduced. In this the main theme was a large numeral in the center, to denote the value, surrounded by suitable inscriptions and ornamentation. A post office notice, dated November 27th, 1868, stated that from January 1st,

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In 1874 it was decided to change the currency, which up to then was that of the florin of 60 kreuzer, to the Imperial currency of marks and pfennige, and January 1st, 1875, was decided on as the date upon which the change should take effect. A Post-office Notice dated December 23rd, 1874, announced that a stamp of 20 pfennige of a new design would be issued on the following January 1st to take the place of the 7 kreuzer, as soon as the stock of that value in the various post offices was exhausted. Prominent numerals are again the chief feature of the design but in place of "WURTTEMBERG," the inscription is "K.WURTT.POST". On May 28th, 1875, a further notice from the post office announced the discontinuance of the kreuzer series from the 1st of July following and the issue of a new series with values in pfennige. The new stamps were 3, 5, 10, 25 and 50 pfennige and 2 marks, the latter taking the place of the 70kr stamp. The 50pf as originally issued was printed in grey but by virtue of an agreement made with the Imperial Post Office at Berlin, its color was changed to grey-green in February, 1878. In November, 1881, a 5 mark stamp was added to the series, this being similar in design to the rest of the set except that the central portion was uncolored and the numeral of value was printed in this space in black by a second operation. On January 1st, 1883, a similar change in the color of the numeral was extended to the 2 mark stamp. Early in 1890 the colors of the 3, 5, 25 and 50pf stamps were changed and in 1893 a further addition was made to the series by the issue of a 2 pfennige stamp. In 1900 two new values—30 and 40 pfennige respectively—were issued, these being like the mark denominations with the numerals in black on a plain ground. On April 1st, 1902, the kingdom of Wurtemberg ceased the issue of its own separate stamps, those for the German Empire superseding them.

In addition to its stamps for ordinary use, Wurtemberg has issued Municipal Service and Official stamps, both these special series still continuing in use. The Municipal Service stamps were first issued in July, 1875, there being two denominations, 5 and 10 pfennige. The first of these was for use on the official correspondence of municipalities, irrespective of weight, and the 10pf was for use on money orders and parcels. In 1880 the color of the 5pf was changed from mauve to green. In 1897 a change in the postal rates led to the issue of a 3pf stamp and in 1900 other regulations led to the issue of 2 and 25 pfennige values. In 1906 all five values were overprinted with the dates "1806-1906," surmounted by a crown in commemoration of the centenary of Wurtemberg's being raised to a Kingdom. In 1906-7 all five values were printed on paper watermarked with a design of crosses and circles and at the same time 20 and 50 pfennige values were added to the set.

Until April 1st, 1881, the correspondence of the ministerial offices was conveyed free of charge, but on the suppression of this privilege a series of stamps of special design was issued for use on official correspondence. The values at first issued were 3, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 50 pfennige, but in 1882 a 1 mark stamp was added. In 1890 the colors of the 3, 5 and 25pf and 1 mark were changed to conform with those of the regular series. The color of the 50pf was also changed shortly afterwards and in 1900 a 2pf stamp was added to the set. In 1903, 30 and 40 pfennige stamps were issued in colors corresponding to those of the ordinary stamps of 1900, while in 1906 all denominations were overprinted in a similar manner to the Municipal Service stamps. During 1906-7 all denominations appeared on the new paper watermarked with circles and crosses.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

The Government of Wurtemberg obtained control of its own postal service in 1851 when, as I have already shown in my preceding notes, it was purchased from the Prince of Thurn and Taxis. The first series of stamps consisting of 1, 3, 6 and 9 kreuzer values were placed on sale to the public on the 12th October, 1851, though their use for postal purposes did not commence until three days later. In April, 1852, a new denomination—18 kreuzer—was added to the set and as the design is similar to that of the lower values, all can best be treated as one set. To quote the late Mr. W. A. S. Westoby: "The resemblance between the stamps of the first series of Wurtemberg and those of the first series of Baden is so remarkable as to leave no doubt that the Government of Wurtemberg availed itself of the results of the investigations made by that of Baden previously to the issue of the first series for this latter State, on May 1st, 1851. The dies were similarly constructed, the inscriptions were similar, *mutatis mutandis,* and the stamps were printed on colored paper. The matrix die was composite, the numeral of value in the center being within a frame, almost square, of 9½ mm. placed angle upwards within a frame measuring externally 22½ by 22 mm. and internally 15½ by 15 mm. and carrying the following inscriptions on tablets: In the upper one, running the whole width, was 'Wurttemberg,' and on a similar tablet at the foot was 'Freimarke,' with an orna-

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We note by the *Stamp Lover* some of the postmarks used on letters in the British army and navy. They are of more than ordinary interest.

ment at each end resembling a vine branch with the two bunches of grapes, the lower one of which was incomplete. On the tablet on the left side was 'Deutsch-Oestr. Postverein,' and on another on the right side 'Vertrag v. 6 April 1850.' These were set up in movable type; the upper and lower ones in ordinary German lower case characters with capital initials, and those on the sides in diamond type, as in those of Baden. The spaces between the rectangle carrying the numeral of value and the inner line of the frame were filled in with arabesque ornaments."

The design is similar for all values with the exception of the central portion carrying the numerals. In the case of the 1 and 6 kreuzer the background is composed of lines running parallel to the sides of the rectangle making a design of small squares; in the 3 kreuzer, the ground consists of small ovals; in the 9 kreuzer the ground is composed of small circles resembling lace work; while on the 18 kreuzer the background is formed of horizontal lines.

The dies were engraved at the Mint in Stuttgart, where the electrotypes composing the printing plates were also made. The printing was done under the direction of the post office, in typographic presses, the sheets consisting of sixty stamps arranged in ten rows of six. All denominations were printed in black on colored papers. The paper was obtained locally and while it is always wove, it varies considerably in thickness and most values provide numerous shades. The stamps were all issued imperforate.

Mr. Westoby tells us that, "It may be noted that occasionally one or both of the full stops are wanting after the 'v' or the '6' in the inscription in the right tablet of the 3 kreuzer, and there is a difference in the position of the stop after the word 'Postverein' in the left tablet. The first of these is probably due to imperfections in the moulds from which the electrotypes were made, while the second points to the making of new plates."

Mr. Robert Ehrenbach, writing in the *London Philatelist* for August, 1893, points out that differences in the position of the period after "Postverein" may be found in all values except the 18kr. There are three types in all. In Type I the period is between the second and third points of the zigzag lines of the border; in type II it is exactly over the second point; and in type III it is exactly above the third point. All three types are found on the 3 kreuzer, types I and II are found in the 1, 6 and 9 kreuzer, while the 18kr is known only with the first type. Whether the varieties are found side by side on the same sheet or are the distinguishing points of separate plates we are not told.





Reference List.

1851-52. Imperf.

1. 1kr black on buff, Scott's No. 1.
2. 3kr black on yellow, Scott's No. 2 or 3.
3. 6kr black on green, Scott's No. 4 or 4a.
4. 9kr black on rose, Scott's No. 5 or 5a.
5. 18kr black on lilac, Scott's No. 6.

(To be continued.)

A RACE FOR BELGIUM STAMPS.

After experiences which befall few collectors in the pursuit of Belgium Occupation Provisional War stamps, Mr. A. van Hooreke arrived safely in Gand, on Friday, 2nd inst., thence crossing to London. This Belgian gentleman, together with a friend, on special duties, conceived the idea of trying to get possession of a supply of the provisional stamps made by the Military Authorities under German occupation. Deciding separate search would more likely meet with success, each took different directions arranging a destination. The advantage bristled with risks at every point, and it was only by the greatest good fortune Mr. van Hooreke, after anxiously awaiting his friend who was four days overdue at their appointed rendezvous, managed to win through safe and sound, being one of the last to pass in and through the fighting line just before all passage was entirely cut off. Of his friend there is unfortunately no news, and fears are entertained of his safety.

The limited space of our paper does not admit of our giving details of the exploits of Mr. van Hooreke and we must confine our news more particularly on the stamps. Finding no more than four stamps were served in the ordinary course to applicants with letters, he had to resort to the influence of cigars and wine, etc., by gift to procure a number in mint condition. Gaining the amiable side of an official, he was told that they looked upon Belgium as a German province, and was informed this first issue surcharged in centime values was restricted owing to the supply being so small whilst awaiting an issue in special design intended to be in the pfennig values. Mr. van Hooreke has placed his entire holding in our possession, and at the moment of writing, October 7th, we are not aware of more of these stamps being in evidence.

All communication between Antwerp and the interior is now entirely cut off. What may happen in a few days no one can foretell. Possibly the retreat of the German hosts with impedimenta driven forever back to their own land by the Allied Forces, would mean the abolition of their few Belgium Post Offices. Since the first few days of occupation postal communications even in Brussels came to a deadlock. The population quickly realising the invaders violated the privacy of every letter, and the threatening manner in which their enquiries were treated, gave up corresponding altogether, The Brussels postmen finding they were carrying letters between Germans only, struck work, and were replaced by Teutons who of course found no customers other than themselves. It is known the Belgian Stamp-factory in Malines was destroyed by gun fire about three weeks since, and no doubt the next Imperial Belgian stamps will be expressly manufactured in England, as is now the case with their Bank Notes, etc.—*Ewen's Weekly.*

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1900, 1, 2, 5, 10, 50, 5 on 30	.29	.09
1901, 1, 2, 5, 10, 30c	.25	.08
1902, 1, 2, 5, 10, 30c	.16	.04
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Col. Rep. 1904, 1, 2, 5, 20c	.31	.10
*Costa Rica '89, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c	.17	.05
1901, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.....	.42	.12
*Cuba, 1878, 5, 12½, 25, 50c.....	.15	.04
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1894, 1, 2½, 20c	.17	.06
1898, 4 mil	.75	.23
* News. '92, ½, 1, 3, 4, 8m....	.23	.06
* News. 1894, ½ to 8m, comp.	.24	.07
* News. 1896, ½ to 8m, comp.	.24	.08
*Danish W. I. 1902, 8 on 10c	.30	.12
*Dom. Rep. '00, ¼& ½c Nos.109-110	2.00	.78
* '00,¼,½,1,2,5,10,50c&1p(maps)	.73	.24
1901, ½, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c.....	.57	.21
1907, ½, 1, 2, 5, 10c comp....	.24	.09
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* '02, 20, 25c, Nos. 112-13, scarce	.70	.32
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'98-99, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10c..	.48	.15
1899, 1, 2, 5c	.14	.05
1906, 1, 3, 4, 5, 10c	.24	.08
1898, Dues, 2, 5, 10c	.22	.08
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* 1874, Dues, 1, 5, 10, 20c.....	.54	.18
* 1883, Dues, 1, 5c	.23	.08
1897, Dues 50c, No. 261	.50	.10
*Russia-Levant 1913, Romanoff, 5, 10, 15, 20pa	.35	.14
*Sarawak '99, 2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 16c..	.62	.35
*Siam '83, 1l, 1a, 1p, 1sa, Nos.1,2,3,5	1.05	.45
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EDITORIAL.

Be a Big Brother—Why not take advantage of an opportune time to encourage stamp collecting among the boys? The swimming and base-ball seasons have closed and with foot-ball and other out-door sports nearing their finale, the boy instinctively turns to something dissociated from his studies with which to pass away the long winter evenings. If the medium of his relaxation can be made instructive as well as entertaining, so much the better; and stamp collecting offers that ideal combination. The nights of autumn when it is so comfortable in-doors are witching to the boy and are made radiant by the glow of the evening lamp. Now when the boy is filled with delightful anticipation, "for winter has its merry season, too," bring forth stamp collecting to his notice,—stamp collecting which offers a depth of interest and a strength of fascination that are not easy to understand and which correlates in a natural way, history and geography, to speak of no further "advantages." Every boy needs a hobby, a fact that is recognized in one of the largest boys' high schools in the United States, the Lane Technical of Chicago, where an effort is made on the part of the instructors to form clubs for the advancement of any hobby that the boys may have; and Lane has had its club of stamp collectors. Start with your own boys if you have any and the neighbors' boys; and be a boy yourself if necessary to get the club started.

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Hand in Hand—If you take a real interest in boys you will find that the idea of a "club" is an appealing one to them and "stamps" in connection with a club adds to pleasure. You must give stamps to the boys and what perhaps is more important, from your point of view, time and attention. Start them off right and tell them that what is started as a hobby, simply to amuse, may develop into a serious life work. See if you can interest them with the story of the chemical instructor in a small college who became interested in the products of a large corporation and made valuable experiments with them that attracted attention. When the corporation had grown so large that a chief chemist was needed for laboratory work, he was selected at a salary that he had never dreamed of commanding. While stamp collecting does not seem to offer such inducements, it serves a purpose and is not without its opportunities. Organize a boys' club in your neighborhood or community and you at least will have the satisfaction of knowing that you had a part in starting some boy in an interesting and educational pastime.

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Across the Sea—An interesting cancellation is that of the United States armored cruiser "Tennessee" which carried funds to the Americans stranded in Europe as a consequence of the war. A letter before us bears the cancellation, Yarmouth, England, on the two-cent U. S. and the usual battleship postmark: "U. S. S.—Sept. 24—P. M.— 1914—Tennessee."

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In Memory—We have to chronicle the death of Arthur Weld who died suddenly recently while engaged as manager for James K. Hackett. Mr. Weld enjoyed his greatest celebrity as an orchestra leader and gained much notice as musical director of "Florodora" when the piece first appeared. Mr. Weld was accustomed to call on a few stamp folks in several cities while on tour and his philatelic enthusiasm was unbounded. We remember in particular in a conversation with Mr. Weld, that he said that he was greatly attached to the "perce en arc" first and second types of Brunswick, of which he had accumulated a large number. Mr. Weld was a man of no mean ability in his profession; and his marked individuality made him a distinctive figure.

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Optically—"Heavy cancellation" is a term somewhat elusive in its suggestions and after all, it is a description that is only relatively exact. We make the observation that in order to place the degree of heaviness in relation to portrait stamps, as in the case of United States issues, properly in the mind of the collector, mention be made whether the cancellation covers the eyes of the person pictured. It is somewhat singular that a heavy cancellation that does not obscure the eyes on the stamp is not so objectionable as a lighter cancellation that blots out the eyes. A collector is sometimes heard to say that he does not mind the heavy cancellation if the eyes are not inked over—all of which is evidence that there is soul even in the eyes on stamps.

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Wiley's Work—Our contributor, Mr. H. L. Wiley, Portland, Oregon, whose studies on stamps of the United States have brought him favorable attention, was a recent visitor to our Chicago office. Mr. Wiley's work on what may be called the branch lines of the United States issues in our columns has attracted so much interest that we are publishing the articles in question in handsome pamphlet form and we are confident that readers and others will be pleased to have the work in separate and convenient shape. It is expected that the book will be ready for distribution by the time this notice is in print; and a price of twenty-five cents a copy has been placed on this monograph of the parcel post and postal savings issues.

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The War Tax—The revenue bill, which in its preliminary form was the subject of extended notice in our columns, has now become law and its provisions are being copied quite generally for the guidance of the public. It is announced that the taxes to be paid by stamps will become operative on December 1st, 1914.

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Putting It Right—It is not a matter of momentous interest, perhaps, but that dollar sign on the new "Gobierno Constitucionalista" surcharges, federal issue of Mexico, has two strokes as a well-appointed dollar mark should have, instead of one as we remarked last week.

THE LAST OF THE POSTAL SAVINGS.

By Wm. E. Beam.

We have seen the last of the Postal Savings stamps, for an Act of Congress, which has just been approved by the President, repeals the clause in the Postal Savings Act of June 25th, 1910, which provides for the use of specially prepared stamps in lieu of penalty envelopes in the transmittal of free mail resulting from the administration of the Postal Savings System.

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Suriname 1892, Nos. 22 & 22a, both.... .07
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The Issue of 1894.

This issue is made to include the stamps on the watermarked paper and those printed in colors differing from the ones used in the original issue. The unwatermarked stamps are designated by the numeral "1" where necessary, to the right of the decimal point. The watermarked stamps are designated by the numeral "2" set to the right of the decimal point. The three general varieties of the issue in which the colors in some of the stamps is designated by the numeral "3" set to the right of the decimal point. In this issue there is encountered for the first time, the booklet issues. The stamp books were fortunately all from stamps having the third type of triangle and all were on watermarked paper. In this issue, space is also provided for the first of the precanceled varieties.

1894 SERIES.

194A. **1c BLUE.**
194A.17 Precanceled.
194A.2 Watermarked.
194A.27 " Precanceled.
194A.3 **GREEN.**
194A.37 Precanceled.
194B. **2c RED.**
194B.11 Triangle I.
194B.117 " Precanceled.
194B.12 Triangle II.
194B.127 " Precanceled.
194B.13 Triangle III.
194B.137 " Precanceled.
194B.2 Watermarked.
194B.21 " Triangle I.
194B.217 " " Precanceled.
194B.22 " Triangle II.
194B.227 " " Precanceled.
194B.23 " Triangle III.
194B.237 " " Precanceled.
194B.24 " " Booklet leaf.
194B.242 " " " Plate No.
194B.243 " " " Center pane.
194B.244 " " " Arrow pane.
194B.245 " " " Line pane.
194B.2452 " " " " upper.
194B.2454 " " " " bottom.
194B.2456 " " " " right.
194B.2458 " " " " left.
194C. **3c PURPLE.**
194C.17 Precanceled.
194C.2 Watermarked.
194C.27 " Precanceled.
194D. **4c BROWN.**
194D.17 Precanceled.
194D.2 Watermarked.
194D.27 " Precanceled.
194E. **5c BROWN.**
194E.17 Precanceled.
194E.2 Watermarked.
194E.27 " Precanceled.
194E.3 **BLUE.**
194E.37 Precanceled.
194F. **6c BROWN.**
194F.17 Precanceled.
194F.2 Watermarked.
194F.21 " Error "U.S.I.R."
194F.27 " Precanceled.
194H. **8c PUCE.**
194H.17 Precanceled.
194H.2 Watermarked.
194H.21 " Error "U.S.I.R."
194AX. **10c GREEN.**
194AX.17 Precanceled.
194AX.2 Watermarked.
194AX.27 " Precanceled.
194AX.3 **BROWN.** Wmk.
194AX.37 " " Precanceled.
194AE. **15c BLUE.**
194AE.17 Precanceled.
194AE.2 Watermarked.
194AE.27 " Precanceled.
194AE.3 **GREEN.** Wmk.
194AE.37 " " Precanceled.
194EX. **50c ORANGE.**
194EX.17 Precanceled.
194EX.2 Watermarked.
194EX.27 " Precanceled.
194AXX. **$1.00 BLACK.**
194AXX.17 Precanceled.
194AXX.2 Watermarked.
194AXX.27 " Precanceled.
194BXX. **$2.00 BLUE.**
194BXX.2 Watermarked.
194EXX. **$5.00 GREEN.**
194EXX.2 Watermarked.

The Issue of 1898.

The issue of Omaha Commemoratives, except for a double transfer variety and a few shades, presents no minor variety.

1898 SERIES ("OMAHA").

198A. **1c GREEN.**
198A.12 Double transfer.
198B. **2c RED.**
198D. **4c ORANGE.**
198E. **5c BLUE.**
198H. **8c VIOLET.**
198AX. **10c GREY.**
198EX. **50c GREEN.**
198AXX. **$1.00 BLACK.**
198BXX. **$2.00 BROWN.**

The Issue of 1901.

The Buffalo Exposition issue included the well known commemorative stamps of which there are no well known varieties except for the inverted centers found in two denominations

1901 SERIES ("BUFFALO").

201A. **1c GREEN AND BLACK.**
201A.13 Inverted center.
201B. **2c RED AND BLACK.**
201B.13 Inverted center.
201D. **4c BROWN AND BLACK.**
201E. **5c BLUE AND BLACK.**
201H. **8c VIOLET AND BLACK.**
201AX. **10c BROWN AND BLACK.**

The Issue of 1902.

The lower denominations of this issue include as secondary varieties, imperforate stamps, stamps issued in coils, booklet leaves, machine perforations, and precancels. Reference to the index will disclose the manner in which the writer has attempted to provide for minor varieties. In the instance of the 2 cent stamp the early stamp known as the flag type is designated by the numeral "1" set immediately to the right of the decimal point while the shield type has for its principal index the numeral "2." This is one instance in which a difference of design has not been made a different issue and it may be considered advisable for the majority of critics to revise that index at that point giving one of the stamps a place by itself where it can enjoy the solitary grandeur deserved and welcomed by troublesome outlaws of its kind.

1902 SERIES.

202A. **1c GREEN.**
202A.11 Double transfer.
202A.12 Imperforate.
202A.13 Coil perforation.
202A.135 " 12 Vertically.
202A.137 " 12 Hor.
202A.14 Booklet pane.
202A.142 " Plate No.
202A.143 " Center.
202A.144 " Arrow.
202A.145 " Line.
202A.1452 " " Upper.
202A.1454 " " Bottom.
202A.1456 " " Right.
202A.1458 " " Left.
202A.15 Machine Perforation.
202A.152 " Schermack.
202A.1521 " " No. 1.
202A.1522 " " No. 2.
202A.1523 " " No. 3.
202A.154 " Brinkerhoff.
202A.1541 " " No. 1.
202A.1542 " " No. 2.
202A.155 " U. S. Automatic.
202A.1551 " " No. 1.
202A.17 Precanceled.
202B.1 **2c RED.** (Flag.)
202B.14 Booklet pane.
202B.142 " Plate No.
202B.143 " Center.
202B.144 " Arrow.
202B.145 " Line.
202B.1452 " " Upper.
202B.1454 " " Bottom.
202B.1456 " " Right.
202B.1458 " " Left.
202B.17 Precanceled.

Advertising Chat—No. 10.

This issue speaks for itself. We present you with a special number of sixteen pages, gotten together with but very little extra effort upon our part, and a splendid exponent of the condition of the stamp trade here in America. We may well feel proud of this achievement.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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No. 90 Denmark 10 ore red ..... .01
No. 91 Denmark 15 ore violet ..... .05
No. 92 Denmark 20 ore deep blue ..... .05
No. 93 Denmark 25 ore dark brown ..... .06
No. 94 Denmark 35 ore orange ..... .10
No. 95 Denmark 50 ore red violet ..... .10
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5c Type I used	4.00	1.80
5c Type II used	4.00	1.75
10c green used	1.25	.38
10c green unused o. g.	7.50	2.50
12c black unused o. g.	4.00	1.70
24c lilac unused o. g.	6.00	2.50
30c orange unused o. g.	10.00	3.90
90c blue unused o. g.	20.00	8.00
1861, 3c pink (real pink), used	7.50	2.50
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10c green, used	.25	.10
12c or 30c, each used	1.25	.45
90c blue, used	4.00	1.60
1862, 2c black Jackson, unused	1.00	.30
5c red brown, used	3.50	1.35
5c brown, used	.85	.38
15c blk. Lincoln, used	1.00	.38
1867, 15c Lincoln grille 9x13 used	1.25	.40
24c lilac grille 9x13 used	6.00	2.20
30c orange grille 9x13 used	4.00	1.30
90c blue grille 9x13 used	10.00	4.00
1869, 1c buff (used 35c), un'd o. g.	1.60	.65
2c brown (used 9c), un'd o. g.	1.00	.30
3c blue (used 1c), un'd o. g.	.75	.25
6c blue (used 40c), un'd o. g.	4.00	1.60
10c y'll'w (used 40c), un'd o.g.	7.50	3.60
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15c brown and blue (used 75c), unused o. g.	6.00	2.25
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10c brown, grille used	10.00	3.75
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1871, 1c ultra., unused o. g.	3.50	.95
2c red brown, unused o. g.	1.50	.50
3c green, unused o. g.	2.00	.45
6c carmine, unused o. g.	3.50	1.00
7c ver. (used 35c), un'd o. g.	6.00	1.75
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15c bright orange, un'd o. g.	5.00	1.50
24c pur., (used 60c), un'd o.g.	12.50	4.90
30c black, used	.60	.25
90c carmine, used	1.50	.65
1873, 7c, 12c or 15c, each used		.30
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1890, 30c black, unused o. g.	1.00	.40
1890, 30c black, used	.12	.04
90c orange, unused o. g.	2.00	1.00
1893, Columbus 30c, used	.75	.30
Columbus 50c, used	.60	.32
Columbus 1.00, unused o. g.	3.00	1.50
Columbus 2.00, unused o. g.		2.25

U. S.	Scott's Catalog.	My price
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Columbus 5.00, unused o. g.		5.20
1894, 50c orange, used	.50	.18
$2.00 blue, used	3.00	2.00
1902, $1.00 black, used	.40	.15
1908, 50c pale violet, used	.25	.10
$1 purple brown	.35	.18
1911, 50c violet (Franklin)	.25	.08
Parcel Post 50c carmine	.50	.10
Parcel Post 75c carmine	.85	.39
Parcel Post 1.00 carmine	1.00	.35
Agriculture 3c yellow, un'd o.g.	.65	.20
Agriculture 10c yellow, used	4.50	1.90
Interior 90c verm., used	2.50	1.00
Navy 10c ultr., unused, o. g.	2.50	1.00
Navy 24c ultr., unused, o. g.	6.50	2.90
Navy 30c ultr., unused, o. g.	5.60	2.00
Navy 90c ultr., unused, o. g.	15.00	5.00
State 1c green, unused o. g.	2.50	1.00
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$1 Mortgage	3.00	.65
$1 Passage Ticket	6.00	2.00
$1.30 Inland Exchange	1.00	.30
$2.00 Probate of Will	1.00	.20
$3.50 Inland Exchange	1.50	.50
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Postal 1885, complete (4) set	.73	.12
Barbados 1873, 6p vermilion	2.50	.90
1873, 1sh black	1.25	.50
1874, 4p scarlet	1.75	.60
1874, 6p orange	3.00	1.25
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1882, 3p magenta	1.00	.40
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1862, 12kr green	.90	.45
1862, 18kr vermilion red	1.25	.50
Brazil 1861, 430r yellow	6.00	2.00
1878, 260r brown	1.75	.60
1878, 700r red brown	2.50	1.00
British Columbia 1866, 3p blue	1.75	.75
1868, 2c brown	2.50	1.00
1868, 5c red	5.00	2.00

	Scott's Catalog.	My price
British Honduras 1865, 1p blue	1.50	.50
1865, 1sh green	4.00	1.60
1872, 3p brown	3.50	1.40
1888, 20c on 6p un. o.g.	1.25	.50
1888, 50c on 1sh gray, un. o.g.	3.00	1.45
Cape of G. H. 1863, 1p (triangular)	4.00	1.50
1858, 1sh green (triangular)	6.00	2.20
Canada 1855, 10p blue, fair margins	7.50	3.00
1859, 10c red lilac	1.00	.40
1859, 2c rose	1.25	.60
1859, 12½c green	.75	.35
1868, ½c black	.40	.15
1868, 1c brown	.60	.25
1868, 1c orange	1.25	.45
1868, 6c brown	.60	.20
1875, 5c olive green	1.25	.58
1897, Jubilee ½c black, unused	.40	.17
1897, Jubilee 6c brown, unused	1.00	.45
1897, Jubilee 8c, 10c or 15c un.		.25
1897, Jubilee 20c verm., used	.60	.25
1897, Jubilee $1, $2, $3, $4, & $5, un'd o.g. the set of 5 at face		15.00
1897, Maple Leaf 6c brown	.15	.07
1897, Maple Leaf 8c or'ge	.08	.04
1898 numeral 6c brown	.25	.12
Quebec Jub., 15c yellow	.35	.14
Quebec Jub., 20c brown	.35	.14
Danish West Indies 1855, 3c rose	.65	.30
1873, 7c unused, o. g.	.50	.20
1873, 12c unused, o. g.	.25	.12
1873, 14c, unused, o. g.	15.00	4.95
1873, 50c, unused o. g.	1.25	.55
1887, 1c on 7c	1.00	.35
1895, 10c on 50c, unused	.40	.17
France 1849, 15c green	4.00	1.65
1853, 1 franc lake	6.00	2.25
Gt. Britain 1862, 9p straw	3.00	1.00
1862, 1sh green	.60	.25
1865, 1sh green	.20	.08
1867, 9p bistre	1.50	.55
1867, 10p red brown	1.75	.75
1867, 2sh blue	.75	.30
1867, 5sh rose	2.50	.70
1872, 1sh green	.50	.20
1876, 8p orange	1.25	.50
1878, 10sh slate	10.00	4.00
1883, 5sh rose	.60	.20
1883, 10sh ultra	1.50	.55
German China '98, 3-25pf comp (5)	.84	.40
Gold Coast 1883, 1sh purple	.50	.20
2sh brown unused o. g.	2.00	.60
HONG KONG, 1862 18c lilac	1.50	.45
1863 8c orange buff	.35	.15
1863 12c blue	.25	.10
1863 16c yellow	1.50	.60
1863 24c green	.50	.20
1863 18c lilac	5.00	2.00

Hong Kong	Scott's Catalog.	My price
1863 48c rose	1.00	.40
1863 96c gray	1.00	.45
1876 5c on 18c violet	1.50	.60
1876 5c on 8c orange	3.00	1.00
1876 10c on 12c blue	1.25	.50
1876 10c on 16c yellow	2.50	1.00
1876 10c on 24c green	1.25	.50
1885 20c on 30c vermilion	.50	.20
1885 50c on 48c brown	1.00	.40
1885 $1 on 96c gray	1.25	.50
1890 $1 on 96c brown	.55	.35
1896 10c on 30c green	.50	.20
1896 $1 on 96c black	.90	.22
1903 $1 olive & black unused, o. g.	2.00	.95
1903 $10 orange & blk. un'd o. g.	10.00	6.50
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202AC. **13c VIOLET.**
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202AXX. **$1.00 BLACK.**
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202BXX. **$2.00 BLUE.**
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The Issue of 1904.

This issue includes the St. Louis commemorative stamps and the index needs no amplification, to the best of the writer's knowledge.

1904 SERIES ("ST. LOUIS").

204A. **1c GREEN.**
204B. **2c RED.**
204C. **3c PURPLE.**
204E. **5c BLUE.**
204AX. **10c BROWN.**

The Issue of 1907.

This is known as the Jamestown Exposition issue and except for minor shade varieties and double transfers which are found in each of the three denominations, no minor varieties are recorded.

1907 SERIES ("JAMESTOWN").

207A. **1c GREEN.**
207A.12 Double transfer.
207B. **2c RED.**
207B.12 Double transfer.
207E. **5c BLUE.**
207E.12 Double transfer.

(To be continued.)

NEW PERF. ON U. S. STAMPS.

We are indebted to Wm. T. Kimball, Lawrence, Mass., for the information that the 2c, 3c and 4c stamps of the current set have been issued in sheets with perforation 10. The 1c and 2c values in coils and books were issued some months ago, but only recently has the new perforation appeared on sheets. It is probable that it will be adopted for all denominations.

LESS THAN SINGLE COLUMN FORM.

Advertisers will please note that we are compelled to charge extra for advertisements set in less than single column form, single column measure. The F. M. Mason advertisement elsewhere in this issue will illustrate our idea. Ordinarily a quarter page will cost $15.00, but in the form shown, the price will be $17.00. The difference in price goes to the printer for extra composition. Advertisers will kindly remember this.



SEEN AT THE CONVENTION OF THE S. P. A.

Again we are indebted to the *New England Philatelist* for line cut dealing with incidents and persons centering in the S. P. A. convention at Indianapolis. We are very positive that our subscribers will be pleased with the opportunity of gazing upon the features of those who in the past they have been privileged to know only by name.

MUSKOGEE ADVERTISING CANCELLATIONS.

We wish to call to the attention of postmark collectors and others who are interested in advertising cancellations, the fact that four separate and distinct postmarking dies have thus far been used to advertise the Sixth Annual Convention of the Southern Commercial Congress, at Muskogee, Oklahoma. They are:

Die I—56 mm. x 18 mm.; wording SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION: SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS: MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA: NOVEMBER 11-13, 1914, in short, squatty letters, occupying entire design.

Die Ia—Same, except date reads NOVEMBER 10-14, 1914.

Die II—60 mm. x 18 mm.; wording same as in Die Ia, but in tall, thin letters, occupying left two-thirds of design, other third of which is composed of the characteristic waved lines.

Die IIa—Same, except date reads APRIL 26-30, 1915, in letters somewhat larger than remainder of letters.

The concern which manufactured the dies made an error in the date of the first die, necessitating the manufacture of a new one. The first die (I) was in operation at the Muskogee Post Office from June 18 to July 9, 1914, when the corrected die (Ia) was received. This die was used until August 10, when Die II was put into operation. Die II was used continuously until about September 15, when the ordinary office machine cancellation was resumed. Die IIa was put into use about October 15 and will probably be continued until the new date set for the convention, which was postponed to next year because the unsettled conditions in Europe affected the South so seriously. Die I is by far the rarest of the lot; Die II is the most plentiful thus far, but Die IIa will probably exceed it in numbers within a month or so.

GEORGE A. CHANDLER.

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African possessions and protectorates of the European powers now at war are more than three times as large as continental United States. They are more than three times as large as all of Europe now plunged in war, and are eleven times larger than England, France Germany and Belgium, which control them. The largest individual holder of African territory is France, with 3,812,000 square miles, more than a million and a half of which is the Sahara desert.—Newspaper.

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1a	5c greenish blue	.25
1c	5c dark blue	.35
2	10c lake	.08
3	15c orange	.75
4	5c blue	.20
5	5c lake	.04
6	15c orange	.80
7	5c ultramarine	.04
8	10c lake	.08
9	15c ultramarine	.30
10	20c green	.25
11	25c violet	.75
12	50c gold	1.10
19	½c red brown	.03
20	1c black	.60
21	1c green	.01
22	1½c rose	.20
23	2c buff	.07
24	2½c violet	.70
28	15c brown orange	.02
29	20c green	.03
30	25c violet	.03
31	50c bistre	.03
32	2gld rose and ultramarine	.75
37	3½ red brown	.03
38	2½c green	.25
39	1gld grey violet	.08
42	7½c brown	.02
47	2½c green	.05
48	25c violet	.06
49	50c bistre	.03
50	1gld grey violet	.15
51	2gld 50c rose and ultramarine	.45
63	50c green and brown	.03
68	1gld brown and olive	.08
69	5gld brown green and red brown	1.50
70	1gld green	.02
85	2½gld brown lilac	.15
86	5gld claret	.40
90	17½c violet	.06
91	17½c ultramarine and black	.02
93	10gld orange	.25
94	½c blue	.02
95	1c claret	.02
96	2½c vermilion	.03
97	2½c green	.03
98	3c buff	.06
99	5c rose	.03
100	10c grey black	.06
101	12½c blue	.08
102	20c orange and brown	.10
103	25c blue	.15
104	50c green	.30
105	1gld claret	.35
106	2½gld, dark violet	1.50
107	5gld orange	2.60
108	10gld red	3.75
175	1c rose	.04
176	3c olive green	.06
177	5c grey	.10
*178	1c red	.02
*179	1½c ultramarine	.02
*180	2c yellow brown	.03
*181	2½c green	.03
*182	3c olive green	.03
*183	5c carmine and rose	.05
*184	10c grey lilac	.08
201	5c brown orange	.12
202	10c violet blue	.08
203	1c blue	.03
204	1½c blue	.03
205	2½c blue	.03
206	12½c blue	.15
207	15c blue	.04
208	20c blue	.06
209	25c blue	.06
210	1gld blue	.35
211	5c blue	.02
212	10c blue	.03
213	1c ultramarine	.01
215	2½c ultramarine	.01
216	5c ultramarine	.01
217	2c ultramarine	.02
218	12½c ultramarine	.06
219	15c ultramarine	.02
220	20c ultramarine	.07
221	25c ultramarine	.03
222	½c ultramarine	.01
223	7½c ultramarine	.03
224	50c on 1gld blue	.50
225	6½ on 20c ultramarine	.08
226	6½c ultramarine	.25
227	½c on 1c claret	.05
228	1c on 1c claret	.03
229	1½c on 1c claret	.03
230	2½c on 1c claret	.04
231	5c on 2c vermilion	.04
232	6½c on 2½c vermilion	.06
234	10c on ½c blue	.06
236	15c on 2½c vermilion	.10
237	27c on 12½c blue	.15
238	50c on ½c blue	.40
239	1gld on ½c blue	.60
240	4c on 6½c ultramarine	.06
241	4c ultramarine	.03
242	5c on 1gld blue	.40
243	5c ultramarine	.02

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	" $1 black br.	.35	.17
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	" $1 dark br.	.40	.20
United States	$1 parcel post	..	.68
	25c " " due	..	.42
Philippines	1911, 12c or., No. 255	..	.25
	" 16c gr., No. 256	.25	.11
	" 20c yel., No. 257	..	.25
Philippines	1913, 16c green.....	..	.05
Canada	1897, 8c* Jubilee	.50	.22
	" 10c* "	.65	.30
Canada	1897, $2 purple, good copies and cheap.....	1.50	.58
Canada	1897, M. L., 6c brown	.15	.07
	1898, 8c orange.....	.18	.08
Canada	1898, 10c brown.....	.12	.04
	1901, 20c green.....	.20	.09
Canada	1902, 7c green.....	.12	.04
	1912, 50c brown.....	.15	.09
Newfoundland	1867, 6c rose*....	.25	.12
	1876, 3c blue.....	1.00	.38
Newfoundland	1880, 1c gray br.*	.35	.13
	" 2c green*..	.50	.22
Newfoundland	1887, 3c brown..	.18	.05
	1896, 6c carmine*	.50	.24
Newfoundland	1896, ½c or. red*	.40	.11
	" 1c brown*	.35	.13
Newfoundland	" 1c green*	.50	.20
	" 3c blue*...	1.50	.45
Newfoundland	1897, Cabot 4c gr.	.15	.07
	" " 6c br.	.12	.06
Denmark	1912, 5 krona, red nice copies.....	1.25	.58
Denmark	1913, 1k brown.....		.06
	" 2k gray.....		.22
Liberia	1906, $1 rose & gray.....		.75
	" $2 green & black		1.50
	" $5 brown & black....		2.50
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	" " $2 plum & black..		1.50
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Japan 1906, 1½s blue Jub.* ..... .60	.22
1906, 3s red* Jub. ..... .75	.37
Liberia 1909, 1c to 20c	.48
1909, 1c to 75c comp.	1.62
1909, Off. 1c to 75c comp.	1.62
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Gibraltar 1912, 1sh	.23
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30	diff. China	1.80	.42
30	diff. Dominican Rep. (fine lot)	1.50	.48
40	diff. Dutch Indies	2.00	.75
150	diff. Ecuador (fine collection).	15.50	4.75
55	diff. Hayti (nice lot)	4.00	1.25
125	diff. Nicaragua (bargain)	8.50	2.25
45	diff. Peru	1.60	.55
150	diff. Portuguese Col. (snap)...	10.00	3.75
22	diff. Azores	..	.48
200	diff. Salvador 19th & 20th(col.)	14.50	3.95
75	diff. Venezuela (fine lot).. ..	6.50	1.38
100	diff. French Col. (many pict.)	3.50	1.35
40	diff. Honduras	1.40	.50
100	diff. U. S. Pre-cancelled	..	.25
30	diff. U. S. Precancelled P. P.	..	.68

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 7.30 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., Oct. 20, 1914.

The 322nd (regular) meeting, was held at the Club Room this evening. President Barry occupied the chair and 25 members and friends were present.

Mr. A. P. Brown reported on the Society Collection which has had a very good start in albums and material from quite a number of the members. He announced that stamps given to auction for the benefit of the collection would be sold at the November meeting of the Society.

The name of Mr. Freeman Putney, Jr., was proposed for membership.

The following new members were admitted: No. 596, Dr. Henry J. Perry; No. 597, Robert W. Carpenter.

An informal auction was announced to take place at the November meeting, and members having anything they desire to dispose of in this way are requested to contribute.

It was suggested that those remaining in town on meeting nights meet together for supper as was formerly done. It was decided to announce in the next notice that those who desire meet in the lobby of the Quincy House at 6 o'clock.

It was suggested that the meeting be hereafter called at 8 o'clock instead of 7.30 and that if there is an informal auction it be held previous to this time.

Mr. Oscar Hill was introduced and gave us some interesting reminiscences of his collecting experiences. Mr. A. W. Batchelder spoke on the effect that the European war would have in giving and also increasing interest in philately. Mr. F. W. Stiles spoke of efforts to interest and increase the collecting spirit among the children. Mr. W. C. Polk spoke on the probable duration of the European war. The Secretary read extracts from a letter from our Honorary member, Mr. Fred J. Melville, President of the Junior Philatelic Society of London.

It was voted to send a message of sincere friendship and good will to Mr. Melville.

The meeting formally adjourned at 9.07 P. M.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

At the next meeting, November 17th, there will be held an informal auction. Members wishing to put anything in the sale are requested to have it in the hands of the auctioneer, Mr. J. H. Lyons,, 387 Washington St., Boston, by Monday, November 16th.

There will also be a special sale of lots, given to be sold for the benefit of the Society Collection. Any further contributions of lots or for the collection may be sent to Mr. A. P. Brown, 17 Alpha Road, Dorchester Center, Mass.

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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—The new 2c stamps printed from a continuous roll were issued Oct. 5. according to the *Philadelphia Stamp News,* and may be had in coils wound horizontally and perforated 10 vertically. These stamps are cylindrical recess-plate printed on a continuous roll of dry paper, gummed, perforated (accurately) 10, divided into strips and coiled on the same machine. The general appearance of the stamps is much finer than any hitherto produced; they have a smooth waxlike surface, and every line of the engraving is clear and distinct. The design is slightly wider (horizontally) than the flat plate printed stamps of the same general design: the old measures 18¾x22; the new measures 19½x22 mm. The paper (or is it the gum) is whiter, and the application of the gum has produced streaks like laid lines, horizontally. The watermark is sideways, a single letter of the single line "U S P S," or a portion of one or two letters, showing on each stamp.

The premier experiments were made with a cylindrical plate containing identical subjects which printed 300 stamps, with head vertically lengthwise with the paper, in 30 rows of 10, at each revolution of the plate. The stamps just issued wound horizontally in coils were printed with the head in a horizontal position on the plate, and if the plate from which they were printed is the same size as the experimental one, the individual designs must be laid out in 33 rows of 9 and thus print 297 stamps in that position at each revolution of the cylinder.

The watermark of single line letters "U S P S" is arranged about the same as in the paper in use for flat press work and it is horizontal across the width of the roll paper, therefore stamps printed upright for vertical coils have the letters of the watermark upright while those printed sideways for horizontal coils have the watermark sideways on the finished stamp.

AUSTRALIA.—The Frank P. Brown Co. have shown us the new 6d Kookaburra or "Laughing Jackass" stamp. The color is a peculiar red violet, with "Australia" in large letters across the top, with the bird facing to the right, perched on a branch and occupying most of the



stamp. The value in words appears in the upper left and in figures in the lower right. "Postage" is printed in a curved line just above the figures of value. The stamps are printed on white wove paper and perforated 11¼, the design being 20x24 mm.

Adhesive.

6d red violet.

AUSTRIA.—Whitfield King & Co. write: "A correspondent in Switzerland has sent us a copy of a Vienna newspaper, in which it is stated that an Imperial Decree was issued September 24 authorizing the issue of new postage stamps of the denominations 5 and 10 heller, which are to be sold at 2 heller each above the postal value, the price being therefore 7 and 12 heller each respectively. The extra 2 heller is given to the fund in aid of the widows and orphans of Austrian soldiers killed in the war. The stamps will be eight millimetres longer than the ordinary 5 and 10 heller stamps, they bear the same portrait as the ordinary stamps and in addition, between the portrait of the Emperor and the figures of value, the date "1914" appears in white figures on a coloured ground with an ornamentation of leaves. The new stamps were to be issued October 4, and will be available for postal use until further notice within the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Germany."

We are also indebted to H. C. Barr and A. C. Roessler for information regarding this new charity issue.

BELGIUM.—*Ewen's Weekly* has the following:

This unfortunate war adds another set of stamps to the albums of Collectors. Belgium has always in past times believed in Charity stamps for good causes. Collectors may remember that at the last exhibition they issued a set of Charity stamps which were sold at double face, and now this Country so badly pressed by the consequences of the war has issued some Red Cross stamps which have been in use since Oct. the 3rd by this unhappy but heroic Nation, and we wish them with all our heart a speedy sale as we are certain help is urgently needed.

Two sets have been issued. The first set comprises the 5, 10, and 20c values, they are of large oblong shape. In the top corners are the figures of value, whereas the bottom corners bear a Red Cross on a white shield. The name Belgium is printed on the stamp in French and Flemish language. The design of the stamps is of a Belgian Monument commemorating the War of Independence of 1830. It represents a soldier, holding in his left hand a flag and supporting with his right a wounded soldier, apparently already supported by another kneeling soldier. The perforation is 14x14½.

5c green.
10c dull red.
20c deep violet.

The second set consists of the 10 and 20c values and shows a portrait of King Albert, a Red Cross figure in the lower left corner, and in the right the denomination is given. Perforated 14. Both sets are of rather crude execution and since the Belgian stamp manufactory at Malines has been burnt down, these stamps have probably been printed in England or France.

10c brick red.
20c bright violet.

GERMANY.—The Belgians are compelled to use German stamps overprinted "Belgien" and new values in centimes. We illustrate the design herewith.



MEXICO.—W. J. Stanton writes as follows, with reference to the surcharge on the 5c Federal issue, mentioned by Mr. Focke in No. 1241. This surcharge reads:

Gobierno
$
Constitucionalista

"I have copies postmarked Mexico City, Monterey and Guadalajara, and believe that they are being sent out by the Central Government at Mexico City. The '$' sign in the surcharge is reversed as given in the diagram above. I have also seen a 5c Federal stamp surcharged in typewriting "E. C.—Gobierno" in two lines. The surcharge was on a letter from a business house in Mazatlan to a firm in Coronado, Calif.

Illustration herewith shows how the government at Mexico City has overprinted the so-called Federal issue (1910):



"I notice that Mr. Poole, Mr. Linn, and others, speak of the re-issue of the green seal stamps as a new printing. A correspondent in Hermosillo writes me that this is not a new printing, but the stock that remained when the 'Ejercito' (war) issue came out. Everything seems favorable to this view. The paper is precisely the same, and the lower values show but slight changes, such as a worn letter being replaced. The block '5' and black roulette are accounted for as in the subsequent printings of the 10c the black form was used. As for the block '5,' a few of these were in circulation when the issue first came out a year ago. This original issue was followed by three distinct issues and some provisionals, and it is extremely doubtful if the printer would keep the form standing on the stone for a year, as any possible use for a Sonora issue would seem very remote. A fact that I have not seen mentioned is that a few with thin '5' appeared in this re-issue."

J. P. Crawford shows a cover franked with 2c and 3c Denver issue, on a Federal 5c envelope. The latter has "Gobierno—Constitucionalista" arranged in a circle with stars between the words, printed in purple, and intended to appear in the ground around the head. Mr. Crawford's correspondents inform him that all the stock in Mexico has been surcharged with the "$" surcharge, and stamps are to be found with surcharge inverted, missing letters, and printed in all kinds of ways. Dues, as well as regular postage stamps, have received this surcharge. Mr. Crawford has seen the "E. C. M." overprint in violet as well as in red. The Denver revenues are used in Leon for postage, without the talon. The 3c of the current issue appears to be rare. Mr. Crawford sends for inspection three revenues overprinted "Puebla" for use in that state. Two are of the Denver set, while the other is from the Federal Printing Office and dated "1914—1915," with "Gobierno Constitucionalista" added.

The California Stamp Co. sends us the new 1c and 5c Sonora stamps as noted last week. We note that they are without gum. They come in sheets of 40 stamps, in four rows of 10 stamps. The plate was prepared for two rows of 10 stamps, which were printed, and then the paper turned and run through the press again. Mr. Brown says there are no errors, but the green seal was engraved 10 times, so that there are 10 varieties of the seal in each horizontal row of stamps. These stamps have superseded the second issue—or re-issue of Sonora stamps.

NYASALAND PROTECTORATE.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the King George 3d on yellow paper, colored throughout.

Adhesive.

3d violet on yellow.

SAMOA.—The German Samoa stamps have been surcharged "G. R. I" and new value in English money, according to A. C. Roessler, though particulars are wanting as to what denominations have been thus treated.

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13	90c on 96c violet & carm.	4.00	2.75
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23	1900, 2c orange brown & green	.08	.05
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25	15c ultramarine	.20	.10
26	75c yellow and purple	2.50	1.50
27	1r 50c black & carmine	3.00	2.00
28	2r 25c violet & green	3.75	3.00
29	1901, 3c on 10c blue & brown	.35	.20
30	3c on 16c or'ge br'n & blue	.35	.20
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35	30c on 1r violet & carm	.60	.45
36	45c on 1r violet & carm	1.00	.60
37	45c on 2r 25c violet & gr'n	2.00	1.50
38	1903, 2c orange brown & gr'n	.06	.04
39	1903, 3c green	.06	.05
40	6c carmine	.10	.08
41	12c olive gray & green	.15	.12
42	15c ultramarine	.25	.20
43	18c yellow & carm	.40	.30
44	30c purple & green	.50	.35
45	45c brown & carmine	.60	.45
46	75c yellow and purple	.75	.55
47	1r 50c black & carmine	1.50	1.10
48	2r 25c red violet & green	2.50	2.00
49	3c on 15c ultramarine	.50	.40
50	3c on 18c yel.gr'n & carm.	.75	.60
51	3c on 45c brown and carmine, multiple waterm'd	.30	.25
52	1906, 2c red brown and green	.06	.04
53	3c green	.08	.05
54	6c carmine	.08	.06
55	12c olive gray & green	.12	.10
56	15c ultramarine	.20	.15
57	18c yellow green & carm.	.25	.15
58	30c purple & green	.35	.25
59	45c brown & carmine	.40	.30
60	75c yellow and purple	.65	.50
61	1r 50c black & carmine	1.00	.80
62	2r 25c red violet & green	2.00	1.50

HEAD OF KING GEORGE

63	1912, 2c orange brown & gr'n	.02	.02
64	3c green	.03	.02
65	6c carmine	.06	.03
66	12c olive gray & green	.10	.08
67	15c ultramarine	.12	.08
68	18c yellow gr'n & carmine	.15	.12
69	30c purple and green	.20	.15
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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

SOME HINTS FOR THE AMATEUR DEALER.

In taking up this subject, we will assume that the reader has had no actual experience as a stamp dealer, but that he has some knowledge of stamps as a collector, and that he has a large quantity of ambition and determination. Without these assets, he cannot hope to succeed. As practically all dealers started out as collectors, it is safe to make the first assumption. At any rate, no one can hope to build up a successful business in a line he does not understand.

The ambition and determination are equally important factors. The stamp business is vastly different in many respects from any other line of business. At first thought, the collector is apt to be impressed with the "easy money" in the stamp business. Dealers with experience will confirm me when I say that there is no more "easy money" in the stamp business than in any other line. The money is there, but it requires labor and head-work to get it. However, I believe that the same money, say $5,000 or so, invested in the stamp business that is invested in some other small business, will bring considerably larger returns. Of course, I do not mean to imply that such an outlay of capital is necessary. In fact, it would be sheer folly to consider such an expenditure until experience was gained.

If it is the intention of the reader to start a stamp business, and to push it to the heights of success, let him keep those heights in view and plug for them. When discouragement enters the game, the only way to overcome it is to take it outside and gently but firmly exterminate it. Otherwise, it will exterminate even the best of ambitions. When you make a 'bad deal' remember that you were not the only one to make such a mistake. Bear in mind that every dealer has had the same troubles. Keep your eye on that high place, and devote your energies to building up the business that will reach to that height. Make YOUR business better. Don't be satisfied with a few sales to a few collectors. Go after big sales from every collector. Aim to give satisfaction to every one you do business with, except yourself. Aim to make your methods the best. When you accomplish something you have worked hard for, do not be satisfied that you have succeeded in that, but aim a little higher, and accomplish something bigger. If you start out to put out the best line of approvals in the business, do it. When you have accomplished it, start out to make them better.

In the stamp business, like every other business, there are many obstacles to be overcome. The rule of life is the survival of the fittest. The stamp business is no exception. Remember that these obstacles are put there to prove whether you are fit to be a success, and to share in the spoils of success. At heart, you believe you are capable of doing anything you set out to do. If you did not believe this, you would not set out to do it. When you meet a loss, even though it wipes you out, get busy and make it up. The picking will be slow and hard, but the longer you stick to it, the easier it will become.

The same basic rules apply in the stamp business as apply in any line of business. Honesty MUST be the very foundation. Of course, in these days of keen competition, every one will realize that the mere honesty is not enough. Don't only be honest. *Give absolute satisfaction* and stand back of every deal, with a money-back guarantee. Business Integrity is equally important. Use the same strict business methods in this busines that you would in any other, and demand them from those with whom you deal. Keep your eye on your "credit department" and keep your credit with the wholesaler. When you agree to pay in thirty days, live up to your agreement. Credit plays an important part in business, and must be respected in order to be retained. Keep your finger on the costs and sales end of your business, the same as you would in a hardware store, a clothing business, or any other line. Watch every expenditure, and cut out the unnecesary ones. Don't buy stock unless you can see a quick profit. Use modern methods in carrying on your stamp business. (Detailed information on the subject of systems will appear at an early date.) Use your head when you prepare an advertisement or publicity campaign. Any old thing will not bring the best results. Anything short of the best results means a waste of your money.

One great reason why the stamp business does not command more respect from the world is that the average dealer does not use progressive methods, the same as the clothier, grocer, merchant, or manufacturer. Taken as a whole, the stamp dealers are behind the times. There are quite a number of enterprising dealers who are making good, however, and more are joining this number. They are getting the business, and this is only fair. If the dealer wants to sleep, no one should disturb him! More than one home-loving spider has picked out the doorway of a stamp shop to build his roost, and if the stamp dealer does not object, certainly no one else should. Remember, Rip Van Winkle was the only man who ever gained fame for sleeping.

If the average stamp dealer were asked his profit on a certain stamp, or even collection, the chances are that he could not give it accurately. Ask a merchant what he paid for any line, even a spool of thread, and he can tell you. Why not in the stamp business? It can be done.

Statistics show that there are many thousands of collectors. These include men in all walks of life, rich and poor. The stamp business is a clean, interesting field of work. It is little known to the general public, and does not command a great deal of respect for this reason, but the money is there, just the same. If a man is known to be honest in his dealings, and is engaged in an honorable industry, he will gain the respect of his fellow man, whether he be a cobbler or a captain of industry. More than one great man in this country is fond of collecting, and the business of supplying stamps to collectors should no more be despised than the business of supplying jewels or paintings. In fact, these three are, in my mind, closely allied. In cold reality, none of them are of use to the world. A man may collect stamps, jewels or paintings, but he has the same object in view,—to secure something handsome to look upon. Diamonds are beautiful, but they are no more useful than a cancelled stamp. They will neither clothe nor nourish the body. They are merely ornaments. Why then should a stamp dealer not command the same respect as a jeweler? Don't be ashamed of your business. If you are, you have a barrier to overcome that will prevent you from reaching success. If you seek success, make yourself known. If you are ashamed to be known as a stamp dealer, quit the game, and let someone else take your place. We'll never miss you.

Perhaps it would be well to caution the new dealer against over-buying, since I have preached ambition and determination. Don't let these two virtues overcome you. Too much is as bad as too little. If you rush off and buy everything you see in order to have a big stock, you will find yourself a dumping ground for trash, and will be short of money when "that bargain" comes along. Take it easy, and only buy such items as you can see a use for, and buy them in small quantities. Be conservative, even though you are ambitious.

Unfortunately, there are many dealers in the stamp business who are not as reliable as they should be. There are quite a number who are absolutely unworthy of trust or patronage, and if the new dealer happens to fall into the clutches of any of these "crooks" he will soon find that he has been separated from his bank-roll and given a lot of trash in exchange. Be careful that such a misfortune does not come your way. It is quite safe to trade with any dealer advertising in this paper, as the publishers try, in the interest of the readers, to keep out undesirables, and they succeed pretty well.

Specialism for dealers is worthy of consideration. In order to be a successful dealer, it is quite important that a large stock of stamps be carried. There is some dissention as to whether specialism or general dealing is the most advisable, and both sides seem to be strong. However, if the dealer has only limited capital (as most of us have at the start) I believe it is best to carry a general line, but specialize in some one country, or group. In this way, the small dealer can probably carry enough varieties in stock to satisfy the demands of the average collector, and still begin to make a name for himself as a specialist in his big line. General dealing calls for a big outlay of money. On the other hand, the general dealer has the entire field of collectors to deal with,

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while the specialist can only supply those few interested in his country. If possible, carry a general line. If not, pick out a group of countries, and get the best stock of these you can. The specialist is up against some additional difficulties in buying stock, however. To get certain items he must have, he is obliged to pay more than the usual rate. He can usually charge more, however, to make up for this. Also, in buying large lots, he will accumulate many stamps not in his line, which he must take or leave in order to get the stock he needs. This "dead stock" must be turned at a loss or at cost. In short, I do not recommend specialism for the dealer, though I believe it a good plan to pick out a group of countries and specialize them in addition to general stock.

Having now taken up the question of the stamp business from various points of view, and having given most of the fundamentals of the business, we will consider that the new dealer has "found" himself in the game, and that we are ready to take up some of the details of the business.

In further articles, the subject of buying, advertising, keeping stock, making approvals, credit, systems, auctions and the other features of the business will be taken up. It is not the intent of the writer to give a lengthy treatise on the stamp business, but merely to offer a few suggestions to those collectors who think they would like to enter the business. The writer has never been a "professional" in any sense of the word, and probably never will be. He has carried on an amateur business for a number of years, and has learned by hard experience many of the tricks of the trade. If these articles will save any other dealer trouble, he will feel that they have served their purpose.

CHEAPER POSTAGE TO SO. AMERICA.

Congress is reported to be on the point of taking steps toward a two-cent postage rate between the United States and such South American countries as may be willing to join. The present rate is five cents to all South American places, while a two-cent rate prevails between this country and Great Britain and Ireland, Germany (by the direct and slower route), Canada, Mexico, Cuba and Panama.

Business scouts from the United States are now at work in various parts of Latin America trying to improve American trade so that the gaps caused by the war may be filled. These scouts cannot go everywhere, however, and can only cover the vast territory below the isthmus in a general way.

A business letter in Spanish or Portuguese, as the case may require, will make a pretty good scout in itself. Millions of these can be sent to South American merchants and manufacturers, making them acquainted with what we have to sell and buy. A mail campaign on a huge scale would be more readily undertaken by American business men if the postage rate was cut down to 40 per cent. of the present scale.

If Congress should decide by joint resolution to favor a reduction then it will be up to the South American countries to join with us by means of postal treaties. And if South America's need for us is as great as we believe, and as great as South Americans tell us it is, the cheapening of the letter rate at both ends will be accomplished quickly and will promote Pan-American good feeling.

A WAR PROVISIONAL.

We are indebted to W. T. Wilson for the first glimpse of a very interesting set of war provisionals. It consists of the entire set of India stamps from 3 pies to 1 rupee, surcharged in large capital letters "I. E. F.," for India Expeditionary Force.

The set is issued for the use of the Indian troops now engaged in the war on the continent of Europe. In connection with this set, Mr. Wilson writes:—

"Enclosed I send you for chronicle a set which I think you will find of exceptional interest. It consists of some special stamps which have been issued for use of the Indian Expeditionary Force (I. E. F.) now on the Continent of Europe. 1 rupee is the highest value. Apart from Gibraltar and British Post Offices in Turkey, the only other occasion when stamps of the British Empire have been used on the mainland of Europe was in the Crimean War."

SOME SAMOA WAR PROVISIONALS.

F. W. Reid advises us that German Samoa stamps have been overprinted "G. R. I.," with value in English money. Mr. Reid has seen the ½d on 3pf, ½d on 5pf, 1d on 10pf and 2½d on 20pf. Stamp collectors will certainly be interested in this bit of war news.

Mr. Reid also submits specimens of the new 6d kookaburra stamp and intimates that business in Australia is holding up wonderfully well.

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THE NEW INTERNAL REVENUE STAMPS.

By HOWARD C. BECK.

For five hundred and sixty-seven long weary days, the "bunch" on the "Hill" at the national capitol have kept up a continuous performance, not daring to get off the stage so long as the big chief at the other end of the avenue had any new parts to drill them in. But Saturday afternoon, October 24, the curtain was rung down, not even the redoubtable Mr. Henry of Texas with his cotton schemes, having the nerve to raise the point of no quorum which would have "busted" the agreement to adjourn. So impatient were the members to get back to their own bailliwicks that they even pushed the hands of the clock over the Speaker's and the Vice President's chairs ahead thirty-eight minutes to speed up the time; then the Speaker said, "God bless us every one," banged his gavel and the agony was over.

Almost the last act of what will probably long be known as "Wilson's Congress" was the passage of what is officially known as (Public—No. 217—63rd Congress, H. R. 18891) "An Act To Increase the Internal Revenue," and for other purposes, but what every one else calls "The War Tax Bill."

This is the fifth time since the beginning of the government that Congress has passed a law levying a stamp tax on documents. Away back in the early days of the republic when the government was struggling to maintain itself and care for its obligations abroad, to wit, on the 6th day of July, 1797, President Washington approved "An Act laying duties on Stamped Vellum, Parchment and Paper." This law, the operations of which, until lately have been so little known to philatelists, remained in effect only until May 1st, 1801.

The war of 1812 brought on heavy expenditures and Congress was forced to replenish the revenue through the medium of a stamp tax levied under an act approved August 2nd, 1813. The last section of this act provided that it should continue in effect for "one year after the termination of the war *and no longer*," but Congress evidently found it necessary to extend the time (as it may have to do in the present case) for the act remained in effect several years after the close of the war.

It was a long interval to 1862 when a terrific internal strife forced Congress to resort to every means within its power to provide revenue to carry on the contest with the South. For ten years nearly every commercial transaction and for twenty years every box of pills and matches contributed its mite and it was not until 1883 that the last of these taxes were repealed.

The Spanish War tax of 1898 is still fresh in the memories of nearly all of us with its odd values and numerous varieties of (or lack of) perforation. This tax lasted only three years, being repealed in the spring of 1901.

Now comes another war, not our own, but far across the sea. A hundred years ago we should have been little if any effected by such a struggle, but so complex and so world wide has become our commerce in this twentieth century, that even a rain storm in Argentina or sunshine in Russia sends prices up and down the ladder. With such a cataclysm as has struck Europe and six million able bodied men striving to their utmost to send their adversaries into eternity, their export commerce becomes almost a nullity. From August 1st to October 22nd, 1913, our receipts from customs duties were $80,598,363.26; for the same period this year they were $48,458,845.77, a drop of over 40%. No wonder the chaps who hold Uncle Sam's purse strings got scared. They had carried out the Baltimore platform and revised the tariff downward, and made up the revenue deficiency, they thought, by soaking the big fellows with an income tax. But Gabriel Prinzip's bullet knocked their revenue estimates into a cocked hat, so now we have, after much talk and much vituperation and fear and trembling as to what the "folks back home" will say, a war tax.

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to our collections, evenly divided between documentary and proprietary and it is almost certain that there will be added to these eight or ten more varieties for bottled wines and champagnes. At present it is contemplated using the proprietary stamps for the wine tax, but section 2 (the wine section) of the act calls for "special stamps denoting the tax herein imposed" and already the treasury officials are thinking that a special wine set will be necessary to comply with the law.

There are some novel features about the new stamps. The proprietaries are all of the same color, black, while the cents values of the documentaries are all red. The dollar values of the documentaries below $100 are of the same colors as the corresponding cents values in the postage stamps, viz., $1 is in green, $2 is in red, $3 is in purple, etc. Similarly the $100 is green, the $500 blue and the $1000 orange.

The designs of the proprietaries and cents values of the documentaries are severely plain and in effect something like the postage dues. They are the same size as the postage stamps, except that the proprietaries are oblong rectangular in shape. Large colorless numerals of value occupy the centre of a banded circle; in the band are the words "United States Internal Revenue" and in the proprietaries the additional words "Series of 1914." The latter also have the word "Proprietary" at the top and "Cent" (or cents) at the bottom. Fine parallel lines form the ground work of the inside of the circle, the remainder of the design being filled with geometric lathe work. The cents values of the documentaries have the word "Documentary" in a curved line immediately over the top of the circle and in a tablet at the bottom are the words "Series of 1914" and the value in words.

The $1 to $50 documentary, which are also of uniform design are splendid specimens of the engraver's art. The design consists of a framed liberty head facing to the right; at the top are the words "Documentary" and "United States Internal Revenue" and at the bottom the denomination, as "50 Dollars," the numerals being in the centre and above the word dollars. The size of this series is 75/100 by 1 10/100 inches.

The three high values, $100, $500 and $1000, are very like the same denominations of the 1898 series, except that they are only printed in one color and the heads are altered. The heads are as follows:—$100 Washington, (Stuart portrait), $500 Hamilton, profile to right and $1,000 Madison three-quarters to the left. The size of these stamps is 1⅛ by 1⅝ inches.

The denominations and colors of the complete series are as follows:—

Proprietaries: ⅛, ¼, ⅜, ½, ⅝, 1c, 1¼, 1½, 1⅞, 2, 2½, 3, 3⅛, 3¾, 4, 4⅜, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 20c. Color, black; design approved by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue October 10th.

Documentary: ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50 and 80c. Color, red; design approved October 22nd. $1 green, $2 red, $3 purple, $5 blue, $10 orange and $30 vermilion. Design approved October 10th. $50 lavender, design approved October 14th. $100 green, $500 blue, $1,000 orange, design approved October 24th.

The cents values of both series will be printed in sheets of 400, the $1 in sheets of 300, the $2 to $50 in sheets of 200 and the three high values in sheets of 16. I understand that all will be perforated the same as are the postage stamps.

I should advise collectors to supply themselves with specimens of the proprietary set as soon as they are available. It is likely that the values available for the wine tax will be on sale in a few days, as some of them are already printed and this tax went into effect the day after the bill was signed, October 22nd. I have pointed out the likelihood of a special wine set, and if such is prepared, there will be no call for several of the proprietary values. I do not believe we need concern ourselves much about getting the $1,000 documentary and I think there is considerable doubt whether many of them will be used. About the only thing it could be used on would be a promissory note for five million dollars, or on a deed where the value of the interest conveyed, exclusive of any mortgage or other encumbrance, was $1,000,000, and I fancy there won't be many transactions like that. In the Spanish War, most of the high values went on big railroad or other mortgages, but these are all exempt from the new tax and if a person gives a deed in which the consideration is given as $10,000 and takes back a mortgage for $4,000, $6,000 is all that would be subject to the tax.

Congress has fixed the date for the tax to be discontinued as January 1st, 1916. Perhaps it will be. It all depends on the war and partly on how much of a holler the people put up who have to buy the stamps (outside of philatelists). Meanwhile the Republicans are whooping her up for all they are worth as to how unnecessary the tax is and that if the people will only put them back on the job they will do business. It looks as though Uncle Joe and Nick Longworth and some of the other good old stalwarts will get back on the pay roll, but the chances are pretty certain that the distinguished Princetonian will still have a working majority. Anyhow, let us hope that the "purely psychological" period through which we have been passing is about over.

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313	$5		8.50	6.00
321	2c		.06	.03
322	5c		.15	.08
323a	1c		.05	.02
325a	3c		.12	.06
326a	4c		.15	.08
327a	5c		.18	.09
331	13c		.30	.17
335	2c		.06	.03
336	2c		.06	.03
336a	2c		.08	.03
337	2c		.06	.03
337a	2c		.08	.04
338a	1c		.05	.02
450	1c		.03	.01½
451	2c		.06	.03
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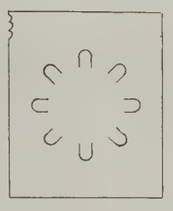
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Chemical Papers.

Various experiments with papers in which some sensitive chemical had been incorporated, were made during the period in which the Continental stamps were being printed and some of these stamps have been found on the "safety" papers. They are known on yellow-brown and violet colored papers although these colors may be the result of chemical action. The stamps on the violet colored paper are nothing more than experimental essays and those on the brown papers deserve about the same status. The violet papers are either laid or wove. Paper men are familiar with a flood of patents of this kind, issued from 1865 to 1885. Some of these papers were so sensitive that the action of "impure" air, containing low percentages of harmless gases would completely alter their color and thus destroy their usefulness. One "historian" mentions a consignment of this paper which changed color while it was being used in the press room of a well known printing company.

Fletcher or "Cogwheel" Punch.



FLETCHER PATENT
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The Grills.

Some of the stamps printed by the National Bank Note Co. were grilled in 1870 and 1871. That company printed about 1,200,000,000 3c stamps and of these about 2% or 2,500,000 were grilled. The work on the grills on these stamps is in the nature of reluctant and perfunctory compliance with the stipulated terms of a contract rather than a workmanlike attempt at obtaining the effect indicated by the terms of the specifications.

The grill was tentatively supposed to break the paper fibres over an area of about one-fourth of the stamp, instead of which the characteristic grill often consists of a few irregular indentations of practically no value for the purpose intended, showing, quite often, but ten or fifteen raised points out of a total which should have consisted of from 120 to 208.

In some specimens the only evidence of a grill is a few minute raised points. The ordinary specimen usually shows comparatively faint traces of the grilling over about one fourth of the intended area. The points are generally less distinct in the outer rows than in the "interior" of the grill. In one grilled block of four in my collection the left edges of the grills are well defined, the remaining sections fading into invisibility at the right. In another large block, in mint condition, the only evidence of the grill is a faintly impressed, *solid* line about .25" long in relatively the same position on each of twelve stamps. Some of the remaining stamps in the same block show no trace of the grill while on four more copies in the same block the grill stands out like those on some of the clear issues of 1867. Pairs exist in which one stamp shows the grill and the other does not.

The grill with 11x13 rows of points is the one most often seen although this size may easily be mistaken for the ones with 10x14 or 11x14 points. The following sizes are recorded by Luff. (Size in points):

10 x 12
10 x 13
11 x 11
11 x 13
12 x 14
13 x 15
13 x 16

In Goodwin's "Specialized United States" the following grills are listed:

Size in Millimeters.	*Size in "Points."*
8 x 10	10 x 12
8 x 10½	10 x 13
8½ x 9	11 x 11
8½ x 9½	11 x 12
8½ x 10½	11 x 13
8½ x 11½	11 x 14
8½ x 12½	11 x 16
10 x 12	13 x 15
10 x 12½	13 x 16
11 x 12½	14 x 16

Future observations, made with the assistance of a healthy imagination and inaccurate instruments, will no doubt increase this list to some slight degree but we must admit that the field is somewhat limited.

The points on these grills are spaced 32 per inch so that the above points may be read correctly and interchangeably as "thirty-seconds of an inch."

Stevenson, in the *Collectors' Journal*, has elaborated upon the subject of grills and has advanced several new ideas, among which he states his belief in the theory that the grill roller was subjected to one or more "trimmings" which produced grills of various character. A review of the possible varieties which might be produced by one unaltered roller under other variable conditions, and a consideration of the spirit in which the National Bank Note Company executed their work leads me to doubt that they indulged in any trimming (except where the Government was concerned) or other superfluous refinements tending to improve the output wherever these refinements involved an expenditure of time or money.

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EDITORIAL.

Closed Issue—We learn that postmasters have been instructed to return to Washington, all the postal savings stamps and envelopes in their offices; and that further, the recall is made anticipating the destruction of the stamps at Washington. In returning the stamps, the postmasters are obliged to file a declaration as to whether or not they have disposed of any of the stamps by sale or gift, we are told.

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The Reason—It looks as though the prospective retirement of the official postal savings stamps and envelopes is a direct consequence of the activity of collectors in diverting the stamps into channels running contrary to the ideas of the department. If we read aright, the action has been instigated by flagrant conditions that recently have come to the attention of the authorities. We suspect that some of the unused stamps have come into the possession of collectors and it is understood that postmasters, openly and secretly, have been importuned to pass out the unused stamps, which purely are the property of the government. It is believed that the question of the stamps in used condition has been discussed, and while the department has tolerated the distribution of these specimens, yet it has not been wholly satisfied to find that they are the subject of barter and trade, so to say. We assume that there are further reasons for the act of the department in calling in the stamps and perhaps they will be made public, but it is plain that collectors themselves are to be accounted responsible for the *coup*.

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Not Lithographed—The following correction has been made by Mr. George W. Linn: "On page 371 of the WEEKLY of October 24th, 1914, the statement is made that the new Sonora stamps are lithographed. This information is incorrect as the stamps are typographed and printed from type-set forms as the early issues of Sonora were."

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Old Postal Documents—From Mr. J. B. Childs, Champaign, Illinois, we have received the following letter: "I have the impression that you are interested in the postal history of the United States and the documents relating thereto; and you have mentioned several interesting pamphlets, etc., on the subject in the WEEKLY. The document described might be of some value. 38th Congress, 2nd Session, Ex. Doc., No. 27, House of Representatives, Cancelling and Marking Stamp. (15 pp.) 1865. Mr. Dennison was the postmaster named. In 1863, a patent was granted to M. P. Norton of Troy, N. Y., upon a canceling stamp. As first contemplated, it had sharp projections which would damage the envelope in obliterating the stamp. Cork was substituted in the improved article which was patented, also. This stamp was first tried out in New York City. On page 5, a postal document of 23, July, 1860, prohibiting certain types of cancellations is mentioned. On page 12, Edmund Hoole of Brooklyn, N. Y. deposed that he has been engaged in the making of post office marking and rating stamps for about twenty-five years, which would date back to 1840. He had done this under contract with the department for the past fourteen years (1851). Just at that time, Fairbanks and Company of New York held the contract. If any of the records of these firms exist, they would be worth while going over." Mr. Childs adds that according to the Postal Guide of 1914, cancelling must be done with black ink furnished by the department, but that he has heard recently of colored cancellations. We do not happen to have a colored cancellation in mind just at present, but so long as pen cancellations come so often as they do in this year of grace, it is no tax on credulity to believe that there are many colored cancellations to be found.

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Reminiscent—Mr. Child's document is a very interesting one, not alone because of its reference to a patent that does not seem to be included in lists of patents of the kind as we remember them, but also as a reflection of a phase of our postal history that is typical of the old days at Washington. We mentioned once that one of the witnesses called upon to testify at the trial of the Lincoln assassinators was a man who was in Washington because of his interest in a stamp canceling proposition; and at one time, so industrious were inventors in planning devices for stamp protection against re-use, that the national capitol was invaded by a small army of partisans and lobbyists for this or that novelty of the kind. About 1860, a remarkable wave of interest was shown in efforts to foil those who were cheating the government by "washing" and re-using, and many an ingenious mind was bent on defeating the machinations of this gentry and reaping fame and fortune in consequence. Some of the promoters were picturesque characters and loaned color, we doubt not, to the life of Washington fifty or more years ago.

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Shut Off—The notice comes that a telegram dated October 26th from the post office department of Mexico was sent to the office of the third assistant postmaster general at Washington, "announcing the temporary suspension of that country of money order business with the United States." Postmasters are notified accordingly and until further notice they are to decline to issue orders on Mexican offices or to pay orders issued in that country after October 26th, 1914. No comment is made by the authorities on this extraordinary measure. A few days before, the following order had been issued: "Heretofore, under agreement with Germany, international money orders for payment in Apia, Samoa, have been issued in the United States as 'German' orders and certified through exchange offices at San Francisco, Honolulu, and Pago Pago, Tutuila (American Samoa). Reliable information having been received recently of the occupation of Apia by British forces, postmasters at international offices are hereby directed to decline to issue orders on Apia until otherwise instructed."

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Revenue Legislation—From Mr. W. E. Marsh, we have received the conference report of the House of Representatives on the revenue bill, dated October 21st, as well as a copy of the bill referred to the committee on ways and means in the House with the amendments of the Senate, dated October 19th. As readers of the newspapers know, there have been changes made in the bill as originally reported by the House and notices of the amendments that were made have been given wide publicity. The taxation period is to begin with December first instead of November first.

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THE SECOND ISSUE.

Although it is obvious that the design of Wurtemberg's first stamps was inspired by the numeral series for Baden, it was not long before more original ideas prevailed and an entirely new series of stamps was issued. The new design shows the Arms of the kingdom, with supporters and motto, embossed in colorless relief on a ground work of color covered with white horizontal loops. This is contained within a rectangular frame, measuring 22½ mm. square, which is inscribed "FREIMARKE" at the top and with the value on each of the other three sides. The inscriptions are all in Roman capitals and the design is completed by the addition of small six-rayed stars in each of the angles. An excellent description of the Arms design appeared in *Gibbons' Stamp Weekly* for September 5th, 1908, which I cannot do better than reproduce:—

In 1817, King William of Wurtemberg simplified the Arms of the kingdom, the proper arms of the royal house having become too complicated through additions at various times. The arms now consist of an oval shield divided into two parts or fields, surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves, in gold, surmounted by a gold helmet bearing a royal crown.

The two fields are:—

On the right, for Wurtemberg, three stag's antlers, in black, placed one upon the other, on a golden field; the upper antlers having each four points, the lower one but three. These are the original arms of the counts of Wurtemberg, and have reference to their office of Hereditary Grand Huntsman.

On the left, for Swabia, three black lions, one above the other, also on a golden field; the lions have their tongues hanging out of their mouths, and their right paws are raised. These are the three lions of Hohenstauffen, and were only added to the arms of Wurtemberg in 1806 by King Frederick, in memory of the famous family of Hohenstauffen, which, in former times occupied the country which now forms Wurtemberg.

The supporters of the shield are, on the right, a black lion bearing a golden crown; and on the left, a golden stag. The proper colors for the ribbon bearing the motto are purple with a black reverse, and the motto itself, in gold letters, reads "Furchtloss und treu," *i. e.* "Fearless and true."

The design is the same for all denominations, varying only in the designation of value. The dies were engraved and the electrotypes made at the Mint in Stuttgart. The printing form for each value consisted of sixty electrotypes, arranged in ten rows of six, which were separated as a rule by a space of only ¾ mm.

The paper varies considerably in thickness and that at first employed contains orange colored silk threads similar to the "Dickinson" paper, found in connection with some of the early British stamps. These silk threads were so placed that they traversed the stamps in a horizontal direction, one thread being apportioned to each horizontal row of stamps. This paper was apparently obtained from Bavaria.

The values in this new series corresponded exactly to those previously in use, the set being issued on Sept. 22nd, 1857, according to Mr. Westoby, Mr. Ehrenbach, and other writers on the subject. In the *Monthly Journal* some few years ago a copy of the 9kr was reported with cancellation dated Dec. 30th, 1856, and on the strength of this Gibbons' catalogue assigns the date December, 1856, to the whole series. This seems particularly slender evidence on which to antedate the whole issue by some nine months for the cancellation might easily have been an error for 1857. We should like to hear of other early dated specimens before accepting 1856 as the correct date of issue.

Most of the stamps of this set vary in shade but these variations are not very striking being, as a rule, confined to pale and deep tints.



Reference List.

Sept., 1857 (?). Silk thread paper. Imperf.
6. 1kr brown, Scott's No. 7, 8 or 8a.
7. 3kr yellow, Scott's No. 9 or 9a.
8. 6kr green, Scott's No. 10 or 10a.
9. 9kr rose, Scott's No. 11 or 11a.
10. 18kr blue, Scott's No. 12 or 12a.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

If we accept the date of September, 1857, as correct for the second issue the use of the silk-thread paper lasted but a very short time for in June, 1858, the stamps began to appear on white-wove machine made paper, without threads. This paper is usually fairly thick but, like that of the preceding issue, it varies in texture. The sheets contained sixty stamps as before but the electrotypes were re-arranged so that the spaces between them varied from 1½ mm. to 1¼ mm.

An interesting variety of the 1kr of this issue is described in the *Monthly Journal* for September, 1904, viz:—"Mr. Giwelb has shown our publishers a copy of the 1 kreuzer with a clear impression on the back reading the right way. Probably a sheet that was defective in some part of the impression was passed through the press again, for the sake of economy, but it is not the silk thread paper. The specimen is postmarked Stuttgart, 1 Jun 1867."

The stamps of this issue are almost exactly like the corresponding stamps on the silk thread paper and variations in shade are of little consequence with the exception of the 1kr. This value exists in two very striking shades of brown one being yellowish and the other almost a black-brown.

Reference List.

1858. Without silk threads. Imperf.
11. 1kr brown, Scott's No. 13 or 14.
12. 3kr yellow, Scott's No. 15 or 15a.
13. 6kr green, Scott's No. 16 or 16a.
14. 9kr rose, Scott's No. 17 or 17a.
15. 18kr blue, Scott's No. 18 or 18a.

Advertising Chat—No. II.

What did you think of it?

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THE FOURTH ISSUE.

In describing the stamps of Baden I mentioned that in July, 1859, a perforation machine was ordered from Vienna on the joint account of the postal administrations of Baden and Wurtemberg and this was set up at Carlsruhe. This machine was of the harrow type and was capable of perforating an entire sheet of 100 stamps at one operation, its gauge being 13½. Although the machine was primarily intended for use on sheets of 100 stamps those of Wurtemberg remained the same as before, *i. e.* sixty impressions in ten rows of six. Some of the perforated values began to be circulated in November, 1859. The paper, color, and arrangement of the clichés remained as before.

Reference List.

1859-60. Thick paper. Perf. 13½.
16. 1kr brown,Scott's No. 19.
17. 3kr yellow, Scott's No. 20 or 20a.
18. 6kr green, Scott's No. 21.
19. 9kr rose, Scott's No. 22.

THE FIFTH ISSUE.

The next change, though it affected all the values, was a somewhat minor one. It was found that the paper was a little too thick for easy working in the perforating machine and, beginning with February, 1861, a much thinner paper was employed. The 1c of this series exists in a number of distinct shades ranging from a palish brown to an almost black-brown. The 3kr and 18kr differ in tint a little, while the 9kr is found in two colors. The original shade was rose, similar to that of the preceding issues, but early in 1862 the color was changed to a dull purple or claret.

Imperforate specimens are known of all values but it is considered doubtful that any were ever issued for use in this condition though postally used specimens are known. Mr. Westoby ascribes the existence of these imperforate varieties to "the difficulty attendant on two administrations using the same perforating machine."

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21. 3kr yellow, Scott's No. 25 or 25a.
22. 6kr green, Scott's No. 26.
23. 9kr rose, Scott's No. 27.
24. 9kr purple, Scott's No. 28.
25. 18kr blue, Scott's No. 29 or 29a.

THE SIXTH ISSUE.

During the second quarter of 1862 it became necessary to overhaul the perforating machine and it was provided with a new set of punches having a gauge of ten instead of 13½ as before. Stamps with the new perforation began to appear about June, 1862, and all except the 18kr were issued by the end of the year. The 18kr in blue does not exist with the 10 perforation as plenty of the 13½ perforation remained in stock and by the time more were required the color was changed. The 9kr is known in carmine as well as the more usual purple. These were probably due to one or more imperforate sheets of the preceding issue having been found and perforated after the gauge of the machine had been changed.

Reference List.

1862. Type as before but perf. 10.
26. 1kr brown, Scott's No. 30.
27. 3kr yellow, Scott's No. 31 or 31a.
28. 6kr green, Scott's No. 32.
29. 9kr purple, Scott's No. 33.

THE SEVENTH ISSUE.

The German-Austrian Postal Union had adopted a regulation under which all the members of the Union agreed to use the same colors for their 3, 6, and 9 kreuzer stamps. An order of the Minister of Finance of Wurtemberg, dated September 12th, 1862, directed, therefore, that to conform with this regulation the stamps would for the future be printed in green for the 1 kreuzer, in rose for the 3 kreuzer, in blue for the 6 kreuzer, in brown for the 9 kreuzer, and in orange for the 18 kreuzer. The issue in the altered colors was to have taken place on October 1st, 1862, but as there were large stocks of all values in the old colors still on hand it was decided to use these up first. Consequently the new varieties appeared at various times as follows:—the 1 kreuzer in February, 1863; the 3 and 9 kreuzer in June, 1863; and the 6 and 18 kreuzer in June, 1864. The paper and perforation were as before. All values except the 18kr exist in a number of different shades. Mr. Ehrenbach mentions a minor variety of the 3 kreuzer which is probably worth looking for, viz:—has a prominent flaw in the upper right corner—a large red spot on a ground of white instead of the usual white star on a colored ground.

Reference List.

1863-64. New colors. Perf. 10.
30. 1kr green, Scott's No. 34, 34a or 35.
31. 3kr rose, Scott's No. 36 or 36a.
32. 6kr blue, Scott's No. 37 or 37a.
33. 9kr brown, Scott's No. 38, 39 or 39a.
34. 18kr orange, Scott's No. 40.

(To be continued.)

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—L. R. Sours reports having received the current 10c orange stamp perforated 10. This came from a little office in Montana. Furthermore, Frank L. Knowlton shows several of the same denomination and perforation on a package from Washington, D. C. Inquiry in that city developed the fact that dealers there knew nothing of the new perforation. One correspondent volunteered the opinion that the stamps were printed on the new rotary press. It was understood that the stamps printed on the new press had no straight edges, and one of those submitted by Mr. Knowlton has a straight edge on the left. Little question for today: Are all denominations to have the new perforation?

Gustave Larson sends us a changeling, the current 1c green stamp being changed into a perfect blue, an even more pronounced transformation than that often found in the 1900 ½d of Great Britain.

The Economist Stamp Co. reports having received the 2c and 6c perforated 10 all around and the 2c perforated 10, in coil from new process printing, 500 in a strip.

Mrs. Louise W. Kellogg has also shown us the 2c value, perforated 10.

AUSTRALIA.—We are also indebted to H. R. Stiles for information regarding the new 6d stamp, as chronicled last week.

AUSTRIA.—The war necessitated several new issues of postal cards, notably for the Red Cross Society and for the military service. Mr. Schachne has shown us the following varieties.

Post Cards.

5h, light green on dark cream, with reply card, for the Red Cross.
No value, Military card, black on reddish brown.
No value, Military card, black on dark rose.
No value, Military card, for Croatia, black on dark rose.
2f, Red Cross Card, for Croatia, red and dark blue on white.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—The *Australian Stamp Journal* says that all stamps of the canoe type remaining over have been destroyed.

CAMEROONS.—It may seem like belated news, but *Ewen's Weekly* notes the issue of the 20pf value on watermarked paper.

CYPRUS.—According to *The Colonial Journal*, the 9pi, 18pi and 45pi King George design, have now been issued.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—According to *The Colonial Journal*, the color of the 5sh stamp has been changed to purple, another change from the Colonial color scheme.

Adhesive.

5sh purple.

FRANCE.—We are also indebted to Frank M. Mason for specimens of both of the Red Cross stamps recently reported.

HUNGARY.—Two new cards have just been issued for this country, according to Mr. Schachne.

Post Cards.

5f, light green on buff, double card, for the Red Cross.
No value, Military Postal Card, black on dark rose.

INDIA.—*Offices in Europe.*—*Ewen's Weekly* notes that all denominations of Indian stamps from ¼a to 1r have been overprinted "I. E. F." for use by the Indian Expeditionary Force now on the Continent. In writing to *Ewen's Weekly*, W. T. Wilson says:

"These are a unique issue as far as the Continent of Europe is concerned. Apart from Gibraltar and British Post Offices in Turkey (now closed) the only other occasion when stamps of the British Empire have been used, on the mainland of Europe, was in the Crimean War (ordinary British stamps which can only be identified by the special cancellations used).

MEXICO.—Apparently, it is a matter of indifference to the postal authorities of the present Mexican Government as to what stamps are used and in what way they are combined. Hermann Focke sends us no less than four different forms of the "Gobierno Constitucionalista" overprint. In combination these have paid postage in connection, not only with the Denver issue, but also with the Federal stamps, without any stamps at all. Evidently, the "$" overprint is gradually superseding the others where the Mexico City interest is strong. Mr. Focke sends us, however, the 1p commemorative stamp with the carefully printed overprint in two lines and in large type, but without the "$" mark. He also sends a new form used in Leon, at least it has not previously been brought to our attention. "Gob. Const." is handstamped in two lines reading downward diagonally. The type is large, and obviously the position on the overprint might be varied at will. From Zacatecas comes a form having "Gobierno Constitucionalista" in a circle, the two words being separated by stars. In the center are two letters, the last being "M" and the other not readable. Mr. Focke says that "the Denver set is not good for postage, but is affixed as a surtax, or rakeoff for the brave conquerors of the country. All letters bearing only Denver stamps are subject to postage here, as is borne out by many covers in my possession." This may be true in New York, but other offices have not been as careful, and covers are found where they have slipped through, thus acquiring a fictitious value.

The California Stamp Co. has shown us another value in the new Sonora set, similar to the 1c and 5c already chronicled. The background is in blue and the seal in brown orange.

Adhesive.

2c black, brown orange and blue.

MONACO.—*Ewen's Weekly* (619 P 786) reports that the current Monaco 10c value has been overprinted Red Cross and 5c. The surcharge is the same as adopted for the first French Red Cross stamp recently chronicled. The extra 5c will be given to the funds of the Red Cross Society.

Provisional Adhesive.

10c+5c red on red.

NICARAGUA.—Though announced some time since, the new series is appearing slowly. The 4c and 6c values have just been shown us by Hermann Focke, both being in the Cathedral type.

Adhesives.

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NYASALAND PROTECTORATE.—J. A. Galbraith has shown us the 3d on all yellow paper, as recently noted.

TOGOLAND.—*Ewen's Weekly* says that recent letters received in England from Togoland have been franked with Gold Coast stamps.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Frank M. Mason sends a copy of the current 1d stamp, evidently taken from a coil. The stamps were rolled vertically, as they are imperforate vertically and perforated at top and bottom.

ZANZIBAR.—The *Colonial Journal* states the 1, 3 and 6 cents are now printed on paper watremarked Crown CA. Except ing for these three values the call for the higher denominations for postal use is comparatively small, and as supplies for this Protectorate are generally heavy, the stock printed on paper with watermark multiple rosettes is likely to last a considerable period yet.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The International Stamp Co. would like to obtain the address of N. C. Heisler, formerly of Dalton, Pa.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from G. W. Hallenberg (2), C. M. Becken.

—The Fordham Stamp Exchange has submitted for our inspection specimens of the new 1914 5h and 10h Austrian war stamps. No other values will be issued.

—Ira C. Holt, 727 Ferry Park Ave., Detroit, Mich., would like to hear from collectors residing in Detroit and vicinity who would be interested in forming a branch of the S. P. A.

—We are indebted to R. G. Montgomery, Philadelphia, Pa., for the information that the 2c coiled stamps perforated 10 were first issued in December, 1910. The plates from which these stamps were printed were Nos. 5557 to 5565.

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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR THE AMATEUR BUYER.

BUYING.

This is the hardest feature of the stamp business, in the writer's opinion. In the first place, the small dealer is apt to over-stock or load up with a lot of junk that is practically impossible to dispose of; and much care is needed to prevent this. Secondly, it is far harder to buy desirable stamps than to sell them. Thirdly, buying the material is half the transaction, and costs must be watched very closely to prevent the profit from slipping away. I am firmly convinced that the dealer must use more "head-work" in buying than in selling, because poor stock is hard to turn, and good stock will sell itself in many instances. I believe that poor buying has wrecked more stamp dealers than "hard times." In the first place, stamp dealers rarely feel "hard times." At the present time the country is suffering a depression due to the European situation, yet the stamp dealers report from the various sections that they are finding business good.

As soon as a new dealer enters the market for stock, he is eagerly beset by wholesale houses everywhere, good, bad, and indifferent. Unfortunately for his purse, the new dealer will find that the undesirable dealers make considerably more effort than the better concerns to secure his money. He is offered large stocks of packets, collections (usually the made-to-order kind), and various wholesale items consisting of stamps that are a "drug on the market." Until he gets experience, he is certain to take in a few of these so-called bargain offers, and will find that many of them are with him to stay. If he has bought too many, he is liable to retire from the business about as soon as he entered it, minus his capital, and a "small dealer's stock" will be offered in a coming auction sale to trap some other victim.

In buying stock, the dealer should see his market for every item he buys, and if doubtful, he should consider same carefully before purchasing. "Feeling around" at first will often save severe losses. Of course, I do not mean to imply that the dealer should pass up any genuine bargains, but merely wish to caution him to be sure that they are bargains before buying. Many lots that appear excellent on the face, will turn out badly. There is really no fixed rule for buying stock. Many lots are cheap at half or three-quarters catalogue, and more are expensive at a tenth or a fifth.

We will, for convenience sake, consider that our new dealer has decided to carry a general line, but to specialize in the United States, which is, by the way, probably the most staple "specialty" in America. If he buys at first a large stock collection, as made up by the wholesale houses, he will find that he has practically every speculative stamp to be had, and practically no good United States. These former are to be had in great quantities at a little money, while the later, in most instances, cannot be secured in quantity, even for a great deal of money. As a result of his purchase, he will find that he has to sacrifice many of the stamps in order to dispose of them, and that he has to turn down orders for his United States, by doing which, he loses his customers and his reputation as a United States specialist. Of course, when he decides to specialize, he will try to get in touch with as many customers as possible interested in his line.

Had he purchased instead a good United States collection, made up by a collector, and a smaller foreign collection, also made up by a collector, he would probably have more success in catering to the wants of his clients, as more staple stamps would be included, and fewer of the speculative.

As a collector, and practically every dealer collects before dealing (and we will assume that our "example" has), our dealer learned which stamps were hard to get, and which were common. It is the hard-to-get stamp that is sought after. Therefore, it is that stamp that the dealer should stock. For instance, in stocking twentieth century America, I know that the 12c and 14c Chile, the 4c Peru and Uruguay, and 8c Bolivia, etc., are the scarce values, as also are the high values. Therefore, when any of these are offered me, I consider the cost compared to my selling price, the condition, and if satisfactory, I buy them. I am safe in buying quite a quantity of these values. However, if I lay in a stock of the 10c Chile, 5c Argentine, 5c Bolivia, etc., I will find that I have a supply of stamps that every collector has, and as a result, I am liable to keep them, or be compelled to sacrifice them by making them up into packets. In buying single items, consider well whether the stamp is a scarce value, or not.

A great deal depends on the line the dealer decides to carry. If he intends to supply the boy collector through the medium of cheap approvals, let him seek large, showy stamps, cataloguing from 2c to 10c, seldom higher. In order to handle these at a profit, he should pay about one-fifth of catalogue, never higher, as it is necessary to sell them at 50% discount. If a greater discount is to be allowed, the stock should be purchased at a lower rate. At first sight, to buy a stamp at a fifth of catalogue, and to sell it at a half, appears to leave an enormous rate of profit for the dealer. However, by the time the dealer has considered his labor, advertising, postage, time, and also the ten per cent. he will lose by theft (my experience for two seasons in this line shows a loss of one lot in every ten), there is not a whole lot left for his profit. Therefore, it is necessary that he buy at a fifth or less. Speculative stamps often sell well through this medium, and when purchased at a low rate, cannot cause a very heavy loss. Until the dealer "finds himself" in the business, he should be content with twenty-five or at the most fifty copies of a stamp. Buying in small quantities will insure him a larger variety and less aptitude of loss, should any particular item turn out badly. Most of this sort of stock can be purchased from the large wholesale houses advertising in the WEEKLY. Many of these dealers issue attractive price lists, and some few do an approval business on a wholesale basis. This last is advantageous for the small dealer inasmuch as it allows him the opportunity of viewing his stock before purchasing.

Purchasing through auction sales is a popular means of obtaining stock, but like all other sources, many ways are clear for the amateur to run onto the rocks. The more reliable firms are quite particular as to description, and until the dealer is experienced, he should confine his purchases to them. The question will arise as to how to decide whether or not a firm is reliable, and that is one that cannot be answered through these columns, of course. Under present day competition, the auction houses have been compelled to give the buyer a fair description and to refund the money if unsatisfactory. Formerly, many ways were left clear in the terms of sale whereby the dealer could foist his undesirables on the unsuspecting public and leave no chance for recourse. As the field has enlarged, however, every dealer recognizes competition and knowing that his "business life" would be short and stormy if he did otherwise, he has discarded any little tricks and sells the stamps for what they are. There was more trouble formerly than of late.

In buying at auction, remember that the collector will usually go for the single lots, and accordingly they will bring higher prices than the large assorted lots, containing too many duplicates for the collector. After the dealer has entered his bids on the lots he really wants, it is a good plan to place a few "flyers" on some of the other lots, with the possibility that the others will overlook them. Many desirable purchases are made in this way, as certain lots are always overlooked in a catalogue. The writer recently purchased a beautiful collection of a South American country, including recent issues, at less than face value, and at a large discount from catalogue. This lot was included in the wholesale section, and offered seventy varieties, all unused, and rated as perfection. A "flyer" on this lot resulted in the purchase of the lot at a price which enabled me to double my money easily.

Lots described as perfection, fine, very fine, good, very good, are worthy of more consideration than those listed as fair, very fair, slightly defective, etc. Also, the rule seems to be in auction catalogues that when a stamp or lot is fine, the dealer will mention it. If no description is given, it may or may not be fine, usually not. Such a lot may be considered in good condition, however, as no statement to the effect that it is defective is made. Any lot so listed which proves defective should be returned. Large lots do not permit of as accurate a description as smaller ones, hence a few more or less defective stamps may often be counted on. As the auction firms realize, like everyone else, that their success hinges on the satisfaction of the patron, nearly every firm is willing to make amends for any error in description, and practically all of them will go even more than half way to give satisfaction. Therefore, when you justly are not pleased, do justice to yourself and to the auction house by returning the lot.

A careful watch of the wholesale catalogues both at home and abroad, will often result in the purchase of many desirable items. Certain stamps common abroad are scarce here, and many times the dealer will find that he can import stamps he cannot secure in this country. It pays to keep an eye on the lists and on the philatelic press, to watch for stocks of remainders and stocks otherwise dumped on the market. Such a procedure usually foretells a slump in the price of the stamps in question.

The amateur should be very careful in buying mixtures, until he is sure of himself. Many of these mixtures contain a surplus of certain lines, resulting in over-stocking. Also, many contain a certain percentage of unsalable stamps, often dead waste. I think that the firms of Cormack, Powell, Ohlman, and many others are putting out some very good mixtures and packets. A *good* assortment, containing not too many of any one kind, offers a fine foundation for a stock.

One of the basic rules of stamp buying should be "quality first." Poor copies are hard to dispose of, as a rule. Good stock is in demand. As in the case of United States early issue, and others of like popularity, there is not enough stock to be had to supply the demand. Don't be afraid to pay for good stamps, if you are sure that they are good. If a collection of early U. S. was offered me at a tenth of catalogue by a professional dealer, I should hesitate before I bought it, to see what was wrong. After you find the wants of your clients, go after the stamps to supply them. The better grade of stock you buy, the easier it will be to sell it, and the more money you will make. Sometimes a stamp bought at a half or a third of catalogue proves a far better investment than a stamp bought at a tenth. Insist on fine condition, and pay for it. When you sell, charge for it, according to your costs.

It is not the intent of this article to take up all the sources of buying. This has been done too many times, and there are other works on the market giving information on this subject. Dealers interested should address the publishers of this paper for their hand-book, "How to Deal in Stamps." The price is one little dime (and I get no commission for selling it). These articles merely include some of my personal views and experiences, and are complete in no sense of the word.

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THE STAMPS OF WURTEMBERG.

By B. W. H. POOLE.

THE EIGHTH ISSUE.

With the increasing use of postage stamps the Wurtemberg Government found considerable inconvenience and delay was occasioned by having to send them to Carlsruhe to be perforated and this inconvenience became so great in time that the administration at Stuttgart ordered a machine from Berlin for rouletting the stamps in line, similar to the Prussian stamps of 1861. This machine was set up in August, 1865, and the first stamps rouletted by it were delivered in October following though it was not until June, 1866, that the issue of the 1, 3, and 6 kreuzer was made; and these were followed by the 9 kreuzer in March, 1867; and by the 18 kreuzer in February, 1868. The electrotypes all appear to have been re-set and the distance between the stamps is now 2 mm.

On November 23rd, 1867, an agreement was made with the North German Confederation by which the 2 silbergroschen rate was raised from 6 to 7 kreuzer. The Wurtemberg public were informed of this change by means of a post-office notice dated April 2nd, 1868, and at the same time it was stated that 6, 9, and 18 kreuzer values would cease to be manufactured though they would continue available for postage purposes till the stocks were exhausted. The color chosen for the new value was blue though it was of a darker color than that used for the superseded 6kr denomination.

Reference List.

1865-68. Types as before. Rouletted 10.

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38. 7kr deep blue, Scott's No. 44 or 44a.
39. 9kr brown, Scott's No. 45, 45a or 45b.
40. 18kr orange, Scott's No. 46.

THE NINTH ISSUE.

The typographic embossing method of production was found to be very expensive, especially in the case of the low denominations, and in 1868 the Government decided to abandon it in favor of ordinary typographic printing. That a considerable saving would be effected by the new method is conclusively shown from the statement that while it cost 1 kreuzer to produce 22 stamps by the embossed process 46 stamps could be produced for the same sum by the plain typographic process. On November 27th, 1868, a Post-office circular was published giving notice that from January 1st, 1869, stamps of a new design of 1, 3, and 7 kreuzer would be issued according as the stocks of the former series were exhausted. The actual date of issue of these values is not known. On May 3rd, 1869, another value of 14 kreuzer was issued in the same design, and on December 2nd, 1872, a 2 kreuzer value was added to the set. Early in 1873 the rate for single letters sent to England, France, or the United States by way of Bremen or Hamburg was fixed at 9 kreuzer and on January 15th a stamp of this value was issued corresponding in design to the other denominations then current.

The design is the same for all six values and shows large uncolored shaded numerals in the centre on a ground of crossed lines, within an upright oval with a band of oak leaves around the edge. Around this is an oval band of horizontal lines inscribed "POST" at the left, "FREI" at the top, and "MARKE" on the right, while there is a small posthorn at the bottom. The various inscriptions are separated by small ornamental scrolls. Surrounding this is another inscribed oval band containing, on an uncolored ground, the name "WURTTEMBERG" at the top and the value in words at the base, the two inscriptions being separated by small crowns. In the spandrels are small shields containing three lions in the upper left and lower right corners and stag's horns on the others.

The die was engraved at Stuttgart, as in the case of the previous issues, the stamps being printed in sheets of sixty, in ten rows of six, on plain white wove paper. The printing was heavy, consequently the design is generally found deeply indented in the paper. The stamps were rouletted with the machine used for the preceding series.

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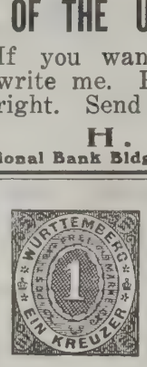
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43. 3kr rose. Scott's No. 49.
44. 7kr blue. Scott's No. 50.
45. 9kr bistre, Scott's No. 51 or 51a.
46. 14kr orange, Scott's No. 52 or 52a.

THE TENTH ISSUE.

On January 1st, 1873, a stamp bearing the fiscal value of 70 kreuzer and in the Arms type of 1857 made its appearance. The object of this high denomination, as shown by a post office notice of December 24th, 1872, was to prepay heavy letters. Its use was confined to the three chief post-offices of the kingdom situated at Stuttgart, Ulm, and Heilbron, and the stamp was not permitted to be sold to the public. Any letters requiring these high value stamps could be posted at other offices, when they were forwarded under official cover to one of the three above named offices, and then franked with the 70kr stamps.

The design of this value is exactly similar to that of the series of 1857, except that there is an exterior border formed of small dots. The stamps were printed in sheets of six, two horizontal rows of three, on white wove paper and were not perforated. In the top margin is an inscription in black referring to the price of each stamp and the total value of each sheet, viz:—

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Two plates were used for printing these stamps differing chiefly in the arrangement of the dotted border. Whether both plates were used concurrently or at separate times does not appear to be known for certain, though probably the former was the case if Mr. Ehrenbach's statement that postmarks of the same dates are found on stamps from both plates. Mr. Ehrenbach gives the best description of the differences between the two plates, viz:—

(1) The dark shade (believed by most people to be the first plate). The dimensions of the little black dotted frame running round the stamps is 79½ mm. horizontally, and 53 vertically. They are only divided from each other by a single line of little black dots. The stamps are 3¼ mm. apart from one another. In the inscription over the top row there is no stop after the word "Mk.", and the two little lines (denoting equal to) between 70kr, 1Fl, 10, etc., are only ¾ mm. wide.

(2) The light shade. The Arms in the stamps are more embossed, the stamps show a somewhat clearer impression. The dimensions of the outer border are 77 mm. by 52 mm. The stamps are likewise printed 3¼ mm. apart, but two dotted lines (¾ to 1 mm. apart) divided the stamps instead of one only. In the black inscription on the top there is a stop after "MK.", and the lines (equal to) are 1½ mm. wide.

Reference List.

1873. Embossed. Imperf.
47. 70kr violet, Scott's No. 53 or 53a.

THE ELEVENTH ISSUE.

Towards the end of 1874 the perforating by rouletting ceased as the Government purchased a new perforating machine having a gauge of 11½ by 11. The only value of the kreuzer series perforated by this machine was the 1kr which was issued in November, 1874. Before it was necessary to print further supplies of any of the other values the design was changed and though specimens are known with this perforation they are fraudulent productions.

Reference List.

1874. Perf. 11½x11.
48. 1kr green, Scott's No. 54.

THE TWELFTH ISSUE.

In 1874 it was decided to change the currency,—which up to that time had consisted of the florin of 60 kreuzer, similar to that of the other States of south Germany,—to the Imperial currency of marks and pfennige, and January 1st, 1875, was fixed as the date for the change. A notice, dated December 23rd, 1874, was issued by the Post-office, stating that a stamp of 20 pfennige of a new design would be issued on that day to take the place of that of the 7 kreuzer, just as soon as the stocks of the latter value held in the various post-offices were exhausted.

The design shows uncolored numerals on a circular ground of lines crossing each other diagonally, above which, on a curved scroll is "K. WURTT. POST", while on a similar scroll below, the value is shown in words. On the left is a shield containing three stag's horns and on the right are three lions in a similar shield. The whole is enclosed by an ornamental rectangular frame measuring 21 by 18½ mm.

The die was engraved and the printing plates were constructed at the Mint in Stuttgart and the printing was done under the direction of the Post-office as in the case of the preceding issues. As the new currency was a decimal one a change in the size of the plates was made and the stamps were printed in sheets of 100 arranged in ten rows of ten. They were perforated by the new machine gauging 11½ by 11.

On May 28th, 1875, the Post-office issued another notice announcing that from July 1st next the former series of stamps in kreuzer would be entirely superseded by a new series with values in pfennige. These, it was stated, would be on sale at the various post offices on June 15th, and that after August 15th the stamps with values in kreuzer would cease to be valid for postal use. The new denominations consisted of 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, and 50 pfennige, all of similar type to the 20pf already described. At the same time the color of this latter value, which had hitherto been printed in blue, was changed to ultramarine.

About the same time a 2 marks stamp of similar type was issued in place of the 70 kreuzer. Its sale was prohibited to the public and its use was at first confined to the offices of Stuttgart, Ulm, and Heilbronn, though later it was extended to almost every post office in the kingdom. Notwithstanding this prohibition the stamp was frequently sold to the public, as appears from a post-office circular of August 18th, 1879, and in November of that year the stamp was printed in vermilion on orange colored paper, and on the back "unverkauflich" (not to be sold) was printed in ultramarine.

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50. 5pf violet, Scott's No. 56.
51. 10pf rose, Scott's No. 57.
52. 20pf blue, Scott's No. 58a.
53. 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 58.
54. 25pf brown, Scott's No. 59.
55. 50pf grey, Scott's No. 60.
56. 50pf grey-green, Scott's No. 61.
57. 2mk orange, Scott's No. 62.
58. 2mk vermilion on orange, Scott's No. 63.

THE THIRTEENTH ISSUE.

On November 1st, 1881, a 5 mark stamp was issued and though this was chiefly intended for telegraphic purposes it was also available for postal use. The design was similar to that of the preceding series except that the central circular portion was uncolored, and the numeral of value was printed on it in black by a second operation. This value was reported with central numeral inverted some years ago and though the error is listed in Scott's catalogue I cannot find that its existence was ever satisfactorily authenticated.

On January 1st, 1883, the 2 mark stamp was also issued with value in black on an uncolored ground. The value is known in two distinct shades and is also known imperforate, a sheet having been accidentally issued in this condition.



Reference List.

1881-83. Perf. 11½x11.

59. 2 marks orange and black, Scott's No. 64 or 64a.
60. 5 marks blue and black, Scott's No. 65.

THE FOURTEENTH ISSUE.

Early in the year 1890 the colors of the 3, 5, 25, and 50 pfennige values were changed to conform with those of the corresponding denominations of Germany, while in 1893 a new value, 2 pfennige, was issued. The design and perforation remained exactly as before. The 5pf is said to exist imperforate.

Reference List.

1890-93. Perf. 11½x11.

61. 2pf grey, Scott's No. 66.
62. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 67.
63. 5pf green, Scott's No. 68 or 68a.
64. 25pf orange, Scott's No. 69 or 69a.
65. 50pf red-brown, Scott's No. 70 or 70a.

THE FIFTEENTH ISSUE.

In 1900 the set was enriched by the addition of 30 and 40pf values. The design was exactly like that of the other values of the series, but, like the mark denominations, the numerals of value were printed at a second operation in black on a plain ground. These were the last stamps issued by Wurtemberg for general use for in 1902 its postal system was united with that of the Imperial government. A paragraph in Alfred Smith's *Monthly Circular* referred to the matter as follows:—

An agreement has been concluded between the Imperial Postal Administration and that of Wurtemberg by which the postal systems are to be united for a definite period of four years from April 1st, 1902, after which it will be subject to a notice of one year on either side. On the date mentioned the separate issues of each country will give place to a unified series inscribed "DEUTSCHES REICH."

Reference List.

1900. Perf. 11½x11.

66. 30pf orange and black, Scott's No. 71.
67. 40pf rose and black, Scott's No. 72.

(To be continued.)

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo., advises us that C. H. Mekeel has withdrawn the libel suit for $20,000 against that company, Mr. Mekeel paying all the court costs.

—G. W. H.—We have no binders for the WEEKLY.

—Geo. J. Carter, 265 Halsey St., Brooklyn, N. Y., would like information in regard to L. C. Heatherman, Springfield, Ill. Can anyone assist him?

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—B. L. Voorhees would like to correspond with other dealers who can give him any information in regard to J. L. Hoskinson, Lytton, B. C., Can., and the Mason Stamp & Card Co., Eckert, Texas.

—From the compiler, A. Roterberg, Chicago, we have received a "Tentative Simplified Check List of Sonora Stamps," bearing the date of November 3rd, 1914. The little pamphlet contains twelve pages and is completely illustrated as all the different types of the issues are shown. The booklet will be welcomed as a reference list which is convenient to consult and which is ample in its information.

—Jacques Wortman, replying to a recent complaint published in the WEEKLY, writes as follows: "I have been away from Paris about six weeks and returning today I find your complaint of recent date. This smart man sent me some stamps, half of them damaged, for an exchange. On receipt of the same I asked for return postage stating that the stamps were of no value. I take only good stamps in exchange and no damaged or cut squares. Instead of answering my letter, he wrote you with complaint. As soon as I receive 20c for return postage, the stamps in question will be returned."

—In No. 1243 we stated that the current 3c Philippine stamp had appeared perforated 10. This was a mistake. It should have been the 2c value.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Hunger Cry—We noticed recently the following despatch in a Chicago newspaper as a "special Marconigram to the *Daily News*," from Copenhagen, Denmark: "A Danish woman has received from Belgium a post card, the writer of which, a Belgian, advised her to remove the stamp as it was rare. Under the stamp were found three words, *'Nous avons faim'* (We are hungry)." This is a clever but, we believe, not a wholly original way to avoid espionage.

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Omaha in the Ring—It is learned that Mr. Ora E. Stark, Omaha, Nebraska, will issue the call for the organization meeting of a local philatelic society in his fair city; and we are pleased to notice that Mr. F. S. Parmelee has donated the use of his office, 210 First National Bank Building, for the convocation of the kindred souls. Twelve collectors have signified their intention of supporting the proposed society but the organizer hopes to "start out with a charter membership of at least tweny-five enthusiastic collectors."

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Every Little Helps—Our editorial in the issue of October 31st, "Be a Big Brother," has attracted a bit of attention. Mr. Freeman Putney, Jr., writes: "I am very glad to see your editorial regarding being a 'big brother' by giving away stamps. I think that a tremendous lot of good can be accomplished by keeping up preaching of giving of stamps as holiday and birthday gifts. Every collector has a lot of duplicates which would make some youngster happy; and the idea also appeals from a selfish point of view in that it saves the purchase of useless gifts in many cases. We shall keep on pushing the idea in our Monthly." Particularly we were pleased to hear from a lady who is known for her good works who says: "Your suggestion of stamp gifts to boys and the organizing of stamp clubs so as to incorporate the twin spirits of clubdom and stamps that run so high in the boyish breasts just now has solved a problem for me. I am engaged privately in community work among the boys and I shall adopt your suggestion as I find that a constant need for novelty to fix the interest of the boys in whom I am interested. Will you please have sent to me for the amount enclosed stamps that would be suitable for my plan together with any advice that you in the fulness of experience are competent to give."

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Wings Clipped—Mr. L. B. Lincoln, Chicago, who on behalf of suffering dealers took energetic steps to bring to a halt the misapplied industry of J. L. A. Couture, Quebec, in soliciting stamps from dealers shows us the following letter from the Post Office Department, Canada, dated at Ottawa, October 31st, 1914: "With further reference to your communication of the 12th ultimo, re J. L. A. Couture, Quebec, I desire to say that a fraud order is being issued against this man and also against the firm name of Couture, Huard & Cie, Quebec, which title Couture assumed for the purpose of defrauding people. I may say that the attention of the Attorney General, Quebec, is being called to the case in order that it may be decided whether prosecution should be undertaken by the Criminal Authorities. I am, Sir, Your obedient servant, (Signed) A. U. Throop, secretary."

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It is True Anyway—In days gone by, one of the most ardent collectors of United States private proprietary stamps of the civil war period was Mr. W. H. McDonald of Chicago. His collection of the stamps in question was a famous one and he devoted many a pleasant hour to his specimens. Recently, Mr. McDonald had a business visitor whose face impressed him as being one with which he was familiar, but, bromidically speaking, he could not place. The caller, Mr. Underwood, was certain that he had never met Mr. McDonald before and so told him several times in answer to Mr. McDonald's puzzled inquiries. However, McDonald could not reconcile himself to the thought that he had not come in contact with Mr. Underwood in the past. An inspiration came to Mr. McDonald when the conversation developed a clue and he said: "I remember where I have seen your face,—on the Underwood Match stamp of Chicago." The gentleman was the Mr. Underwood whose portrait appears on the stamp in question; he was the Alex. Underwood of Alex. Underwood and Company, the match manufacturers of Chicago.

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And So—To pursue the subject: In explaining how his portrait came to appear on the stamp, Mr. Underwood says that he had arranged to have the engraving of a locomotive as the central design and he had the drawing ready to send to Washington where the die was to be made at an expense of three hundred and fifty dollars. Unknown to Mr. Underwood his son substituted his father's picture for that of the "steam-engine"; and Mr. Underwood was surprised beyond measure to discover his portrait on the stamps and as a modest man, we take it that he was somewhat chagrined at the revelation. Mr. Underwood says that his company sold out to the Parck City Match Company of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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Up and Doing—Representations are made in the newspapers that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is working under pressure to produce the revenue stamps required under the bill to schedule taxes from December 1st, 1914. We can understand that the Bureau's resources are being taxed to the utmost to produce the stamps on time. In this connection we repeat the following excerpt from a section of the law, under the heading, "Adhesive Stamps"; "The Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, is authorized to procure any of the stamps provided for in this Act by contract whenever such stamps cannot be speedily prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; but this authority shall expire on the first day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, except as to imprinted stamps furnished under contract, authorized by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. As for foreign commodities that come under the provisions of the new law, it is ordered, "That internal revenue stamps required by existing law on imported merchandise shall be affixed thereto and canceled at the expense of the owner or importer before the withdrawal of such merchandise for consumption, and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the affixing and canceling of such stamps, not inconsistent herewith." It is decreed that "on the day after the thirty-first of December, nineteen hundred and fifteen, the taxes levied under this Act shall no longer be levied and collected, but all taxes arising before said date shall continue to be collectible under the terms of this Act."

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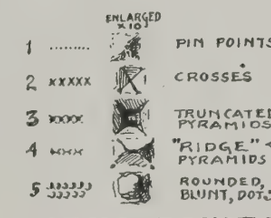
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The last grills noted in the issue of 1867 consisted of 11x16, 11x17, 12x15, or 12x16 points and it is probable that the same roller used on these stamps, after having laid idle for four years during the intervening issue of 1869 on which the grills were much smaller, was again brought into service for the stamps of the 1870 issue.

It is my belief that this roller may have been trimmed up and used for these later stamps, or that a new roller was made and used but I do not believe that more than one roller was used nor that the one which was used was ever retouched after having been put in service.

There are several types of impressions in the 1870 grilled stamps:



GRILL POINTS

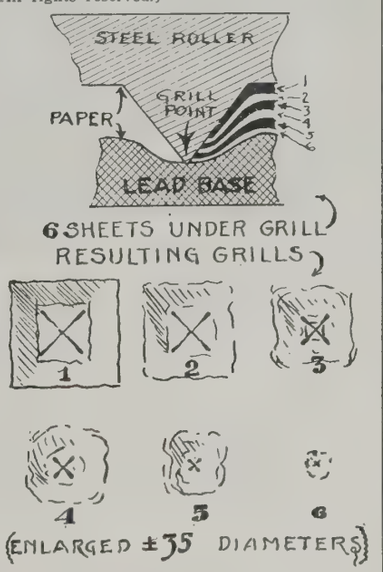
1. Pin-point punctures, made by the tips or points of the grills.
2. Pointed pyramids, which produced crosses in the flattened paper.
3. Truncated pyramids, producing "squares" in the paper, inclosed in other "squares."
4. Ridge pyramids, caused by inaccurate machine work in making the roller.
5. Blunt, rounded dots.

I believe that all of these were produced by the same roller and were not the result of alterations in the roller nor the use of different rollers.

Assuming that the points on the roller were reasonably sharp and that several sheets of stamps were fed through the machine at the same time, the result would be as many different types of grills as there were sheets of stamps.

It is impossible to believe that the sheets of stamps were fed through the machine singly. The height of the grill points was equal to the thickness of from six to ten gummed sheets, under pressure, and the operator would have quickly determined the maximum permissible number of sheets upon which the impressions would show. It may have been that extra intervening tissue sheets were used between the printed sheets for the purpose of preventing any possible adhesion between the gum and the ink, but as this would have meant considerable extra expense for labor and material it may well be discarded. Eliminating the "intervening sheet" idea it is probable that about five sheets of stamps were fed under the grill roller at each operation. The resulting grills are herewith illustrated.

One or two sheets nearest the backing material would show pin points; the sheets near the middle of the pile would show blunt, rounded impressions and the two sheets nearest the grill roller would show fairly perfect pyramids, the character of which would be modified in the subsequent operation of flattening out the grills. I have no belief in the theory that any special "flattening" process was made to form part of the routine through which these stamps were manufactured. The lower



sheets of a pile of paper more than six inches high are usually pretty flat after a few hours of "weighting."

The edges of the pyramids forming the grills could not have been sharp and clean angles at any time, for such a condition would produce cuts as clean as those made by a razor. None of these grills are found in which the paper has been cut cleanly. The paper invariably shows signs of having been subjected to tension and not shear, and the fibers have been pulled apart and not cut as would have been the case had the corners of the pyramids been reasonably sharp. Sharp edged pyramids, pressed into lead, do not strain and roughen the fibers of an intervening sheet of paper,—the action is that similar to that of pressing the sharp edge of a knife blade into a sheet of paper, and the results are the same. We must believe therefore that a roller with dulled pyramids was used and that several sheets of paper were fed through at each operation.

The substance against which the grill roller worked was probably a lead plate during the early days of the patent, but by 1870 I believe that the operators would have discovered several preferable substances. Luff refers to cardboard in this connection where he writes relative to the grills believed to have been formed by truncated pyramids on the roller. In this instance the stamp referred to is an early type of the 3c 1867. Cardboard would not have been satisfactory because it was undoubtedly too hard and because it would have furred up and lost its identity after a few passes of the grill roller, thus necessitating frequent renewals of a comparatively expensive substance.

Sheet lead would flow under a roller similar to the grill roller. It would, at the same time become correspondingly thinner. If the roller were maintained at a fixed distance from the base supporting the lead plate it is evident that the impressions would quickly lose their early form.

It is possible that an alloy of lead, somewhat harder than that metal, was used, and that a few preliminary passes of the roller, under pressure, created a series of depressions in the metal bed which were accurately meshed in subsequent passes of the roller. The continuous bands of embossing around the

Advertising Chat—No. 12.

The Millard Co. of Detroit, Mich., formerly users of trade space, is now using our displayed columns and will be regular advertisers with us in this department. Mr. Smith, who assisted in the preparation of our book, "How to Deal in Stamps" is interested in this firm.

The Hub Stamp Co., which changed hands some months ago, is with us this week. It will be remembered that Mr. W. S. Barker, a well-known Boston collector and dealer, purchased this business from Mr. Cobe. The firm begins with a modest announcement, but will no doubt become a fixture in our columns.

Several advertisers have taken blocks of 50 lines in the trade column and all in all the stamp business shows marked signs of prosperity.

Not a week passes but some advertiser gives us the glad hand for our service in increasing the volume of business he is able to do. An unsolicited testimonial such as the following from L. W. Charlat carries with it an atmosphere that is very pleasing to us:—

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The above is only a sample, but I can supply almost any stamp required and shall be pleased to receive lists of wants which will have my careful and prompt attention. New customers will kindly furnish references or deposit. I only stock stamps of the 19th Century. [44&6

M. GIWELB, 54 Strand, London, Eng. Established 1882.

ends of the roller were possibly left there with the object of securing this perfect "register" rather than as a positive feed device for the sheets of paper which would *not* have required a device of this kind to have kept it in position.

We have considered cardboard, lead, and a somewhat harder metal like babbitt metal, as possible backing substances for the grill roller. An argument tending to disprove the metal backing theory is that not the faintest trace of metallic lead can be found on these stamps under the most powerful microscopes. We know that any paper brought into intimate contact with clean metallic lead or other similar soft metal will retain traces of the metal, often visible to the unaided eye and invariably visible under a microscope of moderate power. I do not therefore believe that a lead plate was used in this connection. I think it probable that a backing of leather, fiber, rubber, cork, canvas, or some similar substance was used. Leather is quite within reason. It was easily obtainable, cheap (where length of service is considered), was elastic, firm, soft, durable, and would not have worn rapidly nor shredded nor "flowed" under the action of the grill roller. Grills produced upon a leather backing would be more nearly the duplicates of the genuine grills, point for point, than those resulting from any other process.

I believe that I have shown, in the foregoing paragraphs, that the different grills were probably the result of different methods of manufacture and varying conditions rather than the result of the use of more than one grill roller.

(To be continued.)

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us a cover which must take high rank as a real curiosity. It is dated Oct. 29, 1861. The sender had evidently taken it to the postoffice with a 3c stamp of 1857 on it. As these stamps had become obsolete further postage was necessary. Therefore a 3c of 1861 was placed over the original stamp but in such a manner as to only partially cover it. From the conditions attending its mailing, this becomes a most interesting cover.

The New England Stamp Co. calls attention to a minor variety of the 4c of 1902. The "F" in "Four" is split at the bottom, evidently by a defect in the plate.

Wm. T. Kimball has shown us the 4c with the new 10 perforation, and the courtesy is acknowledged with thanks.

GERMANY.—*Offices in Belgium.*—We learn from *Ewen's Weekly* that the 25pf stamp has also been surcharged for use in Belgium.

Adhesive.
25c on 20pf ultramarine.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Mr. Schachne has shown us the current letter card on a new variety of paper.

Letter Card.
1 penny, red on dark cream.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Offices in Morocco.*—*Marsh's Weekly* says that the current 2sh 6d has been overprinted for use in Morocco, presumably with value changed to "3 pesetas."

GRENADA.—The 3d on yellow paper colored through is now being supplied to this Colony.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—*Marsh's Weekly Philatelist* says that the 5sh King George stamp on surface colored paper is now obsolete. This stamp, together with the 3d and 1sh values on surface colored papers, were only issued in Montserrat, though all three were available for use throughout the whole Leeward Island group.

MEXICO.—Mrs. Louise W. Kellogg sends copies of the last Federal issue of Mexico, with the "$" overprint, emanating from Mexico City.

W. J. Stanton also reports the 4c and 20c values with this overprint. These last came from Puebla.

We are also indebted to W. J. Stanton for specimens of the newest Sonora issue as illustrated in the WEEKLY, October 24. We note, however, that the 1c and the 5c show interesting varieties. In the 1c there are two shades of blue and two shades of red, while the 5c is equally prolific in shade varieties. These stamps are printed in sheets of forty, four by ten. The 20c and 50c of the set according to Mr. Stanton has not yet been issued.

Bright & Son report receiving a cover from Tuxtla, with one each of the 2c and 3c stamps overprinted "G. C. M." in violet and three 5c stamps with the same overprint in red.

Bright & Son also report receiving a cover from Tuxtla, franked with special stamps which were issued in this town alone and were only in use 22 days. Apparently they are revenue stamps, overprinted "Correos" for postal use. The stamps are rouletted with the exception of the 1c which bears the head of the other values. The design represents an Eagle under the sun, with a cupid and two flags on the right hand side. The stamps are surcharged "Correos" in violet on all values except the 1c on which it appears in red. They also seem to be hand stamped "Puerto Mexico" in black vertically, reading either up or down. The 1c stamp also has a label at the foot with an Eagle design on it. The number issued is in parentheses, as follows:

1c olive, (overprinted) with label at foot (300).
1c overprinted "Correos" in red (500).
2c green overprinted in violet (500).
2c green variety with "Correos" inverted (200).
5c red, overprinted "Correos" in violet (1000).
5c red, variety "ORREOS" (100).
10c blue overprinted violet (500).

The following from George W. Linn is self-explanatory:

"I see you have printed the statements by Mr. Stanton in regard to the recent Green Seal Sonora stamps not being reissues. I regret to see such statements in print because it only helps to confuse collectors and put them in a poor shape to keep up to date on their stamps. Regardless of any statements of any gentleman from Hermosillo or elsewhere, these stamps are undoubtedly a re-issue and a new printing entirely.

"If these are remainders of the former printing then why are the seals all transposed and in a different position than on the early printing? Why with the excellent facilities for getting stamps of any old kind cancelled to order, or perforated to order, etc., that were available at the Hermosillo Headquarters, why did we never see one of these stamps until they were re-issued? If these stamps had been on hand at Hermosillo or elsewhere there is no doubt that they would have appeared long before this. Then why if they are of the old issue were the seals transposed and the transposition made to take place just at the point where the old issue was stopped and at the point before any of these new ones were issued.



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British Stamps, King George, King Edward, also Controls, etc., List free. NISSEN & CO., 63 High Holborn, London, Eng. [55*

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100 Different British Colonials, .25
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sand of getting it set up again the same as it was when used for the former printings. That it is the same is easily seen by comparing sheets of the two different issues.

"Mr. Stanton will have to show me a thin five cent value that is a reissue. I will admit that he may have seen thin fives which were used at time the reissue was used but if such is the case they are undoubtedly stamps which someone had on hand remaining from the former issue and that he has used them up as would have been possible with any values. This possibility of the use of old issues which were practically issued by a different government than the one that issued the reissues is probably the cause of the new set which was recently issued. If anyone can show me a thin '5c' which came in the reissues I can readily tell him from which sheet or printing the stamp came in the former issue or if a reissue or different printing I can tell him that and show him how it can be told. Let anyone show me any stamps which they claim are remainders from the last printing but which were reissued by the Government now in Sonora and I will show them where they are wrong.

"I might add that I do not base my statements on any information from Hermosillo or elsewhere, but from a careful study of the stamps and I can prove every statement I make. The Mexicans don't know anything about stamps and that is what makes them do such a poor job with some of the fakes they turn out, of which I have several interesting ones in my collection.

"The regular Mexican stamps surcharged with 'GOBIERNO CONSTITUCIONALISTA' and '$' sign between the lines in a six point gothic capital letter are coming from the Mexican Government at Mexico City and are to be used throughout all Mexico that can be controlled by the Central government. Of course this will mean Sonora as Sonora has recently been Villa's headquarters. The only possibility of any new stamps other than these will be from the Carranza crowd, which seems to have become dissatisfied and is reported to have withdrawn to Puebla where a new government is to be set up."

Geo. W. Linn calls our attention to what he believes is a counterfeit Mexican provisional. The surcharge is "Gobierno Constitusionalista" in two lines, and on some stamps, the second word is divided so as to take a third line. Mr. Linn has examined copies of 1, 2, 3 and 5c values and feels positive that the surcharge is not a genuine production.

MONACO.—Whitfield King & Co. has shown us the Red Cross stamp noted last week.

NETHERLANDS.—This country has also fallen into the footsteps of other countries issuing postal cards, perforated in sheets of 10, for typewriter use, according to Mr. Schachne.

Post Cards.

1½c dull blue on cream, perf.
2½c green on light green, perf.
5c red on light rose, perf.

ST. LUCIA.—According to *The Colonial Journal*, the 4d on yellow paper colored through has been sent out to the Colony.

SIERRA LEONE.—Gerald D. Bliss sends two covers from Freetown, Sierra Leone, both of which have evidently been "censored." One has the usual postage, 2½ pence. The end has been cut open and then "Officially Sealed," and stamped with a rubber stamp, "Opened by Censor." The other cover has no stamps, but on the reverse is a roughly printed, rouletted label reading "Postage Free—Prisoner of War—Sierra Leone."

TRENGGANU.—*The Colonial Journal* states that new duty plates have been prepared for the 2c, 25c, 30c and $3 values, and that the colors of all existing duties, with the exception of the 1c, 3c and 8c values, will be changed.

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Toppan's great book on U. S. Stamps
Japan 1908, 5 yen green.
Tunis 1906, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35c... .. " .19
***Costa Rica** '89, 1c to 1p..... " .27
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1896, 1, 3, 5, 7, 20c palms..... " .23
205 all different foreign stamps.
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BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 14, 1914.

The 324th (regular) meeting of the Society will be held at the Club Room on Tuesday evening, November 17th, at 7.30 o'clock.

The application for membership of Mr. Freeman Putney, Jr., will be acted upon.

Mr. C. A. Howes will give a talk upon Nova Scotia with a display of the stamps.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

IMPORTANT.

There will be an INFORMAL AUCTION at this meeting. Members wishing to put anything in the sale are requested to have it in the hands of the Auction Supt., Mr. J. H. Lyons, 387 Washington St., Boston, by Monday, Nov. 16th.

There will also be a special sale of lots, given to be sold for the benefit of the Society Collection. Contributions for either the sale or the Collection may be sent to the Curator, Mr. A. P. Brown, 17 Alpha Road, Dorchester Center, Mass.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

PACKETS, SETS AND ACCESSORIES.

Continuing our discussion on stamp dealing for the amateur, we will now consider the above articles. Just what the dealer should carry in these lines will depend largely upon his situation. If he does business by mail he will not need as large a stock of these as he would if he did a counter business. These various articles sell, as a rule, better over the counter than they do by mail. One reason for this is that many stamp accessories and packets do not readily sell "sight unseen" no matter how good the description. It is sometimes true that an article which sells well over the counter will not sell at all by mail, as the mere sight of the article often sells it.

The packet was very popular with collectors, and is still in favor, especially among the beginners, as it offers large variety at little money. The set is growing more popular every day, and is gradually taking the place of the small packet. Every dealer catering to general trade should carry a few packets in stock, such as 100, 250, 500, 1,000 and 2,000 varieties, as these packets are the most essential to the collector, and are the ones that sell easiest. A series of packets by countries, as 100 varieties of Austria, etc., often prove quite popular with collectors, though these necessitate a considerable outlay of money, and it is doubtful if the results warrant the investment unless the business is great enough to permit of large sales. Such a series is excellent for stamp-shop and candy store trade. Special packets of 10 varieties of unused, 10 animal stamps, 10 French Colonials, 50 British Colonials, etc., may be included in the series. Low priced packets sell more readily than higher priced ones, for the reason that the collector has learned of the element of chance involved in buying stamps "unseen" and often hesitates to risk a large amount. Also, since the greater majority of packets are purchased by children, whose money is usually limited, the cheaper ones are often purchased where the more expensive would have to be declined. In my experience with a chain of packets in the candy stores in Chicago, I found that the 10c packets sold best of all, and that the special packets aforementioned sold readily.

So many dealers have taken advantage of the fact that packets were purchased unseen, and have used them to work off all the trash they had, that collectors have grown very cautious. If these same dealers had the foresight of a field-mouse, they would realize that these buyers could be made continuous customers, with little effort. However, they believe it better to sting a man once than to sell him twice. Therefore, if you value your good name and want to build up a business, make the most of this opportunity to reach the new collector, and give value for his money. If necessary, cut down your own profit a little, and charge it to advertising. A 1,000 variety packet that had just a little better value than any put on the market heretofore would be a big drawing card for a dealer. Remember, the new collector buys the packets first, usually before he knows much of the ways of stamp dealers, and if you secure his good-will at the start, he will remain your customer. Use the packet as a means to distribute your advertising matter, by enclosing a coupon offering a premium for every collector trying your approvals, or for the names of three collectors, or something of a similar nature. Avoid "stuffing" the packet with advertising matter that might tend to make the collector think he was getting a larger quantity of stamps than the number enclosed. Also, if practical, put a "money-back" guarantee on the packet, and announce it on the outside. It will pay in the long run, as it shows that you are striving to please. Use attractive envelopes, and pack the stamps neatly. If the contents warrant it, and advertising matter is enclosed, put the stamps in a separate small envelope. Also, *keep out the damaged and the trash.* Sell these as such, if you must, to somebody who buys with his eyes open and knows what he is buying. Most of the wholesale dealers can assist you in putting out a line of packets, and many offer packets already put up. These are not always advantageous, for the reason that they do not permit the dealer to put "personality" in his goods, nor can he be sure of the quality. In my opinion, the cheaper variety packets can best be secured ready-made, and the smaller "special" packets can best be made up by the dealer. The former require considerable work and do not warrant quite as much care as the latter.

A popular way of selling packets and, accordingly, reaching collectors who might not learn of the dealer's existence, is by mounting them on cards for display and selling through the candy, notion, cigar and other small stores of the town. In this work, a commission ranging from 20% to 40% is usually allowed the store-keeper, and the larger the commission, the more effort will be made to sell the packets. For convenience, it is best to prepare cards in multiples of $1.00 and to make all cards alike, or in series. This eliminates dispute and aids in checking up the amounts by the vacant spaces on the card. Candy, book and cigar stores are the best packet sellers, and stores situated near schools, or patronized by children, are especially good. I have had some quite high sales from hotel shops, railway station novelty counters, and find that some most unusual places often bring results.

A special Christmas package designed to start collectors should prove popular at the toy counters and with the small stores. This package should include a cheap album, package of hinges, package of stamps (a variety and a "special") and a small pamphlet describing the benefits of collecting and a few of the essentials that every collector should know. These packages could be put up in different sizes, some including a catalogue, a hand-book on collecting (of which there are many to be had), and different size packets of stamps. These latter should include a good general assortment, rather than a group of any special country. Needless to say, the dealer will put his card or a little advertising matter in the lot. As people do not like circulars in connection with their Christmas presents, a card simply stating that "further orders or information on stamp collecting can be obtained from ——" is most advisable. If the collectors are interested enough to buy, they will write you.

Sets are proving popular sellers, and can be obtained very easily from the various wholesale dealers. Sets retailing from 5c to 25c are the most popular, though the higher priced ones sell quite well. As in all other branches of the stamp business, or any other, "personality" counts, so offer different sets from those of your rival if you can, and the field is large enough for you to do so. Use cards of uniform size, and mount the stamps with hinges, not with fish glue or tire cement. Some dealers think it is a good joke on the collector when he tries to remove the stamps from the card and succeeds in tearing large pieces from the stamps. The collector also thinks it a good joke on the dealer when he sees the "For Rent" sign in his window. A neatly mounted set will sell far better than one stuck on any old way. Remember this when you mount the cards. Price lists of sets may be issued advantageously, though a stock sufficient to sell all orders should be maintained.

Hinges are absolutely essential to all dealers. Certain firms throughout this country and abroad are offering these in quantity, at figures low enough to allow a good profit, and it is possible to purchase them put up with the name and trade-mark of the dealer retailing them on the box or package. A certain English house issues an attractive circular on their stock of accessories, and includes some unusual offers in high grade hinges, put up in little tin boxes, bearing the retailer's label, and also a watermark detector on the reverse of the box. This same firm can offer an excellent line of all other accessories, in fact, they are one of the few concerns manufacturing stamp accessories exclusively.

Magnifying glasses, tongs, watermark cups, gauges, catalogues, stock books, and albums, should not be stocked unless the dealer has a local shop where he can display same, and has trade enough to warrant the expenditure. The larger dealers will gladly enter into a proposition to furnish the small dealer with whatever he needs in these lines as ordered, at reduced rates. Much money can be sunk in this sort of stock, and unless care is used, loss will result. Rather than buy the stock and be unable to re-sell it, make an agreement with some large dealer to supply you with the goods as needed, or turn the orders away.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Bridgeport, Conn.—Your Hong Kong stamps cancelled in Shanghai are valued at the same amount as those with Hong Kong cancellations, and are nearly as common. These stamps are used by the British Postal Agencies in the various cities of China, and while they might be of special value to someone interested in them, I doubt if you could get much of a premium for them because of the cancellation. These stamps are also found with cancellations of Hankow, Peking, Tien-sin, Canton, and others. These foreign offices are to be discontinued shortly, so the stamps will grow scarcer.

The Liquor Stamps you mention are evidently of private origin, and have no philatelic value. For just what use they were intended I cannot say. However, they were not issued by the Government.

Please sign your initials or name to your inquiries.

J. H. W., Jr.—Your shades on the pair of Confederates are caused by imperfect inking of the plate, in the same way as shades are found on a sheet of the current stamps. The milky blue is distinctly different from the other shade, and was printed at a different time.

If your block of eight contains the crossed lines, the four end stamps are not worth as much as the block with the intersection. If the block is an ordinary line block, there is no difference in the value, though the stamps without the line are worth a trifle less.

All United States stamps of recent issues are printed in sheets with the center line or lines, for guides in perforating. The lower values are printed in sheets of four hundred, and are cut into panes of one hundred each, on the guide lines. The higher values are printed in sheets of two hundred each and are divided into two panes. The blocks of imperforates showing the intersection of the lines are most desirable.

K. M. R.—The "stamp" you illustrate is a label of some sort, presumably for advertising or souvenir purposes, similar to the labels so popular both here and abroad at the present time. It has no philatelic value.

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1879, 30c No. 190 ..... .12
1890-93, 90c No. 229 ..... .35
1895, 50c No. 275 ..... .10
1902-03, 50c No. 310 ..... .09
1902-03, $1.00 No. 311 ..... .20
1904, (Louisiana Pur. Issue); 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c, complete set ..... .20
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THE STAMPS OF WURTEMBERG.

By B. W. H. POOLE.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE STAMPS.

With the exception of a few stamps issued by Bavaria in 1908 for the use of Railway Officials Wurtemberg is the only German State that has issued a regular series of official stamps. These fall into two classes—those for general use and those for the use of municipalities. The latter class, known as Municipal Service stamps, was first issued on July 1st, 1875, for use on the official correspondence of municipalities within the kingdom of Wurtemberg. The rate of postage was fixed at 5 pfennige irrespective of the weight of the letters. A stamp of this value—printed in mauve like the ordinary 5pf stamp then current—was issued in a special design. In the centre is a diamond of solid color on which a large "5" surrounded by "POST-FREI-MARKE PFENNIG" is shown. Around this is a lozenge shaped band inscribed "PORTO PFLIGHTIGE DIENST SACHE" meaning "Service matter liable to postage." In each of the four angles are small oval shields showing three stag's horns on their left and three lions on their right hand sides. The design is completed by a thick frame line. These stamps, like those for ordinary use, were printed in sheets of 100, the dies and plates being manufactured at the Mint in Stuttgart and the printing taking place under the supervision of the Post-office. Imperforate specimens are known of this 5pf stamp. A 10pf stamp of similar design was issued about the same time for use on parcels and money orders.

In 1890 the color of the 5pf was changed to green to conform with the change of color in the corresponding value of the ordinary set. Several distinct shades of this variety may be found.

On January 10th, 1897, a new value of 3 pfennige in brown was issued and in 1900 a 2pf in grey and a 25pf in orange appeared. The design of all three was similar to that of the first 5pf.

In 1906 all five denominations were overprinted with a crown above the dates "1806-1906" in commemoration of the centenary of Wurtemberg's being raised to the dignity of a Kingdom.

In 1906 some of the values began to appear on paper watermarked with a multiple device of crosses and circles and by the following year all values had appeared on this new paper and two new values—20 and 50 pfennige—were also issued. The stamps on this watermarked paper were printed by the German Imperial Printing Office, at Berlin, and apparently the plates for the two new values were also made in Berlin. These stamps are still in use for the agreement between the Imperial Administration and that of Wurtemberg regarding the unified series of stamps affected those for public use only.



Reference List.

1875-1900. Perf. 11½x11.
66. 2pf grey, Scott's No. 218.
67. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 215.
68. 5pf mauve, Scott's No. 201.
69. 5pf green, Scott's No. 216 or 217.
70. 10pf rose, Scott's No. 202.
71. 25pf orange, Scott's No. 220.



1806 – 1906

1906. Overprinted in black. Perf. 11½x11.
72. 2pf grey, Scott's No. 224.
73. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 226.
74. 5pf green, Scott's No. 228.
75. 10pf rose, Scott's No. 229.
76. 25pf orange, Scott's No. 233.

1906-7. Wmk. Crosses and circles. Perf. 11½x11.
77. 2pf grey, Scott's No. 238.
78. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 239.
79. 5pf green, Scott's No. 240.
80. 10pf rose, Scott's No. 241.
81. 20pf blue, Scott's No. 253.
82. 25pf orange, Scott's No. 242.
83. 50pf lake, Scott's No. 254.

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Official stamps for franking correspondence connected with the business of the State, churches, schools, and public benevolent institutions were issued, in part, on the first of April last, in terms of a decree, dated 26th March, 1881, of the Ministry of Churches and Schools. Article 3 of this Decree sets forth that "Delivery of these stamps shall be made against printed acknowledgments of their receipt upon forms to be furnished by the post-office department. At the end of every month the post-office authorities shall prepare a statement of number of receipts in their possession for stamps issued, and shall submit it to our Department for examination and payment."

The values at first issued were 3, 5, 10, and 20 pfennige and these were followed on April 18th by 25 and 50 pfennige. The colors correspond to those of similar denomination of the ordinary series then current. The design, which is the same for all, shows uncolored labels on all four sides and a fifth one crossing the centre of the stamps obliquely from the left lower to the right upper corner. The labels at the sides are inscribed "K. WURTT." at the left, "*POST*" at the top, "PFENNIG" at the right, and the value in words at the bottom. The diagonal label contains the words "AMTLICHER VERKEHR" meaning "Official Business." On each side of the central label are escutcheons, containing the numerals of value, resting on an ornamental background.

In 1882 a new value of 1 mark printed in yellow was added to the series.

In 1890 the colors of the 3, 5, and 25pf were altered to conform with those of the ordinary stamps and at the same time the color of the 1 mark was changed to violet. Shortly afterwards the color of the 5pf was also altered and in 1900 a 2pf stamp was added to the series.

In 1903 30 and 40 pfennige stamps were issued and these, like the ones for ordinary use were printed at two operations with the value in each case in black.

In 1906 all ten values were overprinted in a similar manner to the Municipal Service stamps in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of Wurtemberg's existence as a kingdom, and in 1906-7 all denominations were issued on the watermarked paper used for the Municipal Service stamps of the same date. These latter were printed in Berlin by the German Imperial Printing Office and they are still in use.



Reference List.

1881-82. Perf. 11½x11.
84. 3pf green, Scott's No. 203.
85. 5pf mauve, Scott's No. 204.
86. 10pf rose, Scott's No. 205.
87. 20pf blue, Scott's No. 206.
88. 25pf brown, Scott's No. 207.
89. 50pf grey-green, Scott's No. 208.
90. 1mk yellow, Scott's No. 209.

1890-1903. Perf. 11½x11.
91. 2pf grey, Scott's No. 219.
92. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 210.
93. 5pf green, Scott's No. 211.
94. 25pf orange, Scott's No. 212.
95. 30pf orange and black, Scott's No. 221.
96. 40pf carmine and black, Scott's No. 222.
97. 50pf red-brown, Scott's No. 213.
98. 1mk violet, Scott's No. 214.

1906. Overprinted in black. Perf. 11½x11.
99. 2pf grey, Scott's No. 224.
100. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 225.
101. 5pf green, Scott's No. 227.
102. 10pf rose, Scott's No. 230.
103. 20pf blue, Scott's No. 231.
104. 25pf orange, Scott's No. 232.
105. 30pf orange and black, Scott's No. 234.
106. 40pf carmine and black, Scott's No. 235.
107. 50pf red-brown, Scott's No. 236.
108. 1mk violet, Scott's No. 237.

1906-7. Wmk. Crosses and circles. Perf. 11½x11
109. 2pf grey, Scott's No. 243.
110. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 244.
111. 5pf green, Scott's No. 245.
112. 10pf rose, Scott's No. 246.
113. 20pf blue, Scott's No. 247.
114. 25pf orange, Scott's No. 248.
115. 30pf orange and black, Scott's No. 249.
116. 40pf carmine and black, Scott's No. 250.
117. 50pf red-brown, Scott's No. 251.
118. 1mk violet, Scott's No. 252.

Reprints.

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$5 Doc. orange red, No. 3039..	.15	.05
Austria 1908, 1h to 2k	.18	.05
Bolivia 1894, 1c to 100c	.20	.06
Bosnia 30, 35 & 40h, Nos. 38, 39, 40	.18	.06
Chili 1904, Nos. 58 to 61	.22	.07
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Ecuador 1914, 1c to 20c, Nos. 156 to 160 (used)	.98	.30
Ecuador 1907, 2c to 10c, Nos. 167 to 170	.11	.03
Ecuador 1910, Nos. 191-2-3, comp.	.40	.12
India 1855, 10a rose, blued paper ..	.50	.15
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Japan 1879, 50s carmine, No. 72..	.75	.20
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Mexico 1903, 1c to 10c	.12	.03
Mexico 1910, 1c to 20c	.49	.17
Norway Jubilee 1914, 5, 10 & 20o, complete, unused	.28	.14
Peru 1897, Unpaid 50c red, No. 261 unused	.75	.24
5c on 10s, No. 265 unused	.65	.21
1c on 10s, No. 268 unused	1.25	.40
Prussia Official 1903, 2pf on 50pf..	.15	.06
Roumania 1906,1le and 21,Nos.184-5	.30	.10
1906, 1 and 2l, Nos. 194 & 195	.30	.10
1907, Charity No. 267 to 270 complete	.18	.06
Russia Romanoff 1913,1k to 14k used	.21	.09
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Canada	1903, 7c green	.12	.04
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In 1864 all the values of the Arms series were reprinted and some of these are apt to prove rather confusing. None of the original "Dickinson" paper with orange thread used for the stamps of 1857 remained in stock and though a supply of silk-thread paper was obtained from the Bavarian Administration the color of the thread was different, being red. The 6kr is known with yellow thread and various values in fancy colors are reported as existing with green silk thread. The color of the thread, therefore, is sufficient test in detecting whether the specimen is an original or a reprint. The detection of the reprints on paper without silk thread is a more difficult matter for the colors of the originals were very closely copied and there is no appreciable difference in the paper. The original plates of 1857 did not exist, however, so that the plates employed for the rouletted stamps current at the time the reprints were manufactured were evidently used. On these the stamps were much more widely spaced than in the originals, the distance between the stamps measuring about 2 mm. instead of ¾ mm. as in the genuine. In the case of pairs, therefore, the reprints are at once distinguishable and specimens with unduly large margins may also be condemned without hesitation.

None of the later issues were reprinted.

GOOD FOR BEVERLY.

The annual meeting of the Beverly (Mass.) Philatelic Society was held Nov. 12, at the Y. M. C. A. with 15 members present. Officers for the following year were elected as follows: Pres., Frank W. Foster; V. Pres., R. W. Dutcher; Treas., H. Shaler; Sales Supt., C. E. Herrick; Sec., Lewis E. Hood.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The advertisement of the Economist Stamp Co. offering the 5 peso Mexico as of the 1899 issue, should have read "1910".

—We have a new stamp club known as the Niagara (N. Y.) Philatelic Club, organized November 5. The club was honored in having as a visitor A. A Hunter, Postmaster of Balboa, Canal Zone, who gave an interesting talk on the postal issues of Panama. Regular meetings will be held during the winter months and collectors in the vicinity of Niagara Falls may communicate with H. C. Burns, 538 Second St., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

—Joseph C. Zanini informs us that the 50c beer stamp has just been issued surcharged "Emergency Tax Under Act of 1914." This is evidently the beginning of an interesting output of revenue stamps.

—Maitland Milliken, Foster Bldg., Denver, Colo., would be glad to hear from any collectors in neighboring states who would like to join the Mountain States Philatelic Society.

—The Harmer Rooke & Co., auction sale in aid of the National Relief Fund realized over one thousand dollars. The entire amount was contributed to the Prince of Wales Fund.

—Who will accommodate him? H. O. Houghton, Hopedale, Mass., would like matter descriptive of a stockbook, loose leaf or otherwise, in which the pockets are transparent. What dealer will respond?

—We have been shown by Frank C. Davis, a strip of four 1c Argentine Republic of the 1911 issue. Mr. Davis points out that this strip is genuinely unwatermarked and an examination would seem to indicate that his claim is warranted.

—We regret an error that occurred in the recent advertisement of F. S. Parmelee, where the Netherlands 10 gulden was priced at 25c when it should have been priced at $3.25. While it must have been evident to any collector that this price was a mistake, Mr. Parmelee received many orders for this stamp.

—Bright & Son send us a copy of their new wholesale pricelist, a very pretentious list and one that every dealer should possess.

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A Label of Love—A letter received from Trinidad, dated October 7th, 1914, bears in addition to the regulation stamp, a rather crude label, roughly perforated, with the design of red cross in the center, surrounded by the inscription:—"Trinidad—One Fraction," above and below; and at sides, "Red Cross—Society." The label is in red and the lettering is somewhat uneven; and evidently it is a local production.

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In Four Colors—We have received a copy of the Hungarian red cross stamp with the red cross against a ground of the Hungarian coat-of-arms. The crown at the top with its iron cross is in gold. The central design is surrounded by the inscription: "A Magyar Szent Korona Orszagainak." Labels at bottom read: "Voros Kereszt-Egylete." In the two corners at top, "1914," and in the lower corners: "10." The colors of this pretentious red cross label are black, green, red and gold.

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They Come Back—We had a visit recently from Mr. Walter Clarke Bellows, whose wonderful work on "Campeche" is probably the most distinctive philatelic volume that ever was published. The researches of Mr. Bellows established the authenticity of the Campeche issues and though Mr. Bellows disposed of his stamps to good advantage several years ago and allowed his interest in philately to ebb away, he does not claim that he is immune from another philatelic attack.

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Lots of Them—Several weeks ago we spoke of colored cancellations on the present U. S. stamps in view of the department's decree in the Postal Guide of 1914 that black ink furnished by the department be employed exclusively. Enough evidence of the use of colored inks has been received to settle any lurking doubt that only accidentally or unpremeditatively did they happen to be chosen. For instance, Mr. Fred L. Pauly, Lebanon, Ohio, writes: "In looking over four day's mail here this week in the office, or eighteen hundred envelopes, I found eight covers with colored cancellations and these I enclose. You will notice that they are from as many different states. I would suggest that the M. O. pad was used; this pad is always covered and is generally red." Mr. Pauly adds that he has the new perforation, 10, in the one, two, five and ten cents, unused, and the six cents, precanceled "Chicago."

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Not The Rule—The colored cancellation on the present stamps is relatively unusual for all that and it is apt to emanate from the smallest offices where the rules are not observed to a nicety. For a good many years, the department has prescribed the use of black ink for canceling purposes and now that the department furnishes the black ink, it would seem that there is small excuse for using colored inks. It is probable that the explanation of our correspondent that the money order business inking pad is kept covered and is consequently ready for use and not dried up as the canceling ink may be occasionally accounts for some of the present day colored markings. In a notice sent out to postmasters in 1879, we find the instructions: "The cancellation must be effected by the use of black printing-ink wherever that material can be obtained; and where it cannot, the operation should be performed by making several heavy crosses or parallel lines upon each stamp with a pen dipped in good black writing-ink."

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Franked Envelope—A western frank that we have not been able to find listed has been shown us by Mr. H. L. Lindquist. It reads: O. C. Huntley Stage Express Line, in ornamental scroll on the three cent, 1864, U. S. stamped envelope, white paper.

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Pity The Poor P. M.—An envelope prepaid by two of the three-cent, 1861, U. S. and postmarked Auburn, New York, bears the following address:

"Uncle Sam, long life to you,
Will you a favor please to do?
I this letter fain would send
This your kindness to a friend.
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Fife Major is his title.
Like domus elephantis
His house is where his trunk is
And that is now at Castleton,
—Where he is, faith, it's wassail-ton—
'Tis found in old Vermont state.
Now, Uncle Sam, please not to wait.
Don't let your iron horses lag,
Carry this letter to Curt Flagg.
He'll put it in—sore as 'the rocks'—
To Dan Higley's waiting box."

This envelope is the property of Mr. George Ward Linn and the freak inscription is characteristic of those that were somewhat the fashion say a half-century ago and whose "cleverness" was sometimes heralded broadcast in the newspaper press of the period. It is needless to say that the post office folks did not encourage ingenuity of this stripe as the humor was at the expense of their time and patience.

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Many Miles Away—Mistakes will happen; and with this graceful introduction we now proceed to say that in our opinion the Americans at St. Michaels, Azores, have just cause for a "tush, tush." We shall let the post office department tell the story: "The Department is in receipt of complaints that mail addressed to the American Consulate at St. Michaels, Azores, has been delayed on account of the mail having been missent to St. Michaels, Arizona. The Division Superintendents are directed to issue necessary instructions to insure the proper handling and despatch of mails addressed to St. Michaels, Azores."

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Poetess Honored—The new Cuban commemorative five centavos blue bearing the portrait of Gertrudis Gomez de Avellaneda, "one of the greatest poetesses of all times," is now coming through the mails; and the tribute paid to the poetess is a charming, and, we are certain, a deserved one. In the ordinary mails, the one, two and three centavos of the regular Mexican set surcharged for the "Gobierno-Constitucionalista" in addition to those already listed, are seen.

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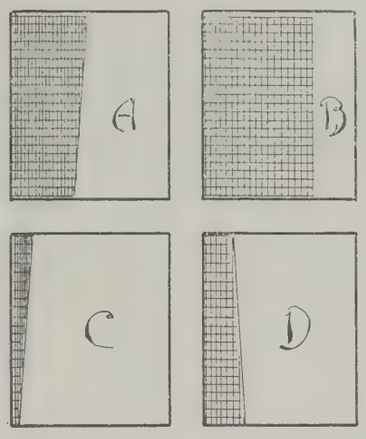
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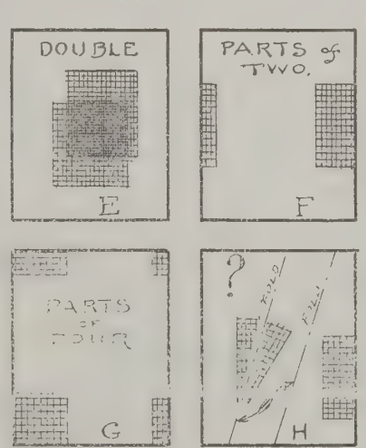


"MARGINAL" GRILLS.

These grills extend the full length of the stamp, as shown in the illustration. Nearly all of the 1870 series have been found with this marginal grill which was the result of contact between the edge of the stamp and the band of embossing around the end of the grill roller. A sheet of stamps fed into the machine too far to one side or at a slight angle might easily traverse the distance between the regular rectangular grills and the marginal grill. This distance was at least one inch and probably nearer two inches.

The marginal grills are very scarce. The 3c stamp showing this grill is worth at least $2.50.

Double Grills.



GRILL VARIETIES

Double grills are comparatively scarce. They are the result of a second grilling of the sheet. The incentive prompting this process would probably have been an attempt on the part of the operator to rectify the unsatisfactory product of his haste or carelessness. Where the stamp has passed through the grilling machine twice, one grill will generally be found to have been more heavily impressed than the other.

About one sheet in fifty was fed into the machine in a position resulting in the presence of parts of two or four grills on the same stamp. Stamps showing parts of four grills in their true relative positions as illustrated, are rarely seen although they are known to exist. The register of the grilling machine lengthwise of the stamp was evidently susceptible to more perfect regulation than was the transverse register, as the grills are more often out of position transversely than vertically.

Stamps showing various irregular grilled areas caused by folds in the sheet at the time it was fed through the machine are recorded by Luff. These peculiar errors would probably occur only at a corner of the sheet. They are very uncommon, and the "average collector," including the writer have never seen one.

3c 1873, Grilled.

Among other values, a few three cent stamps of the Continental issue were grilled in 1876, forwarded to Washington, and there sold to the public. It is known that a new grill roller was made for this series of grilled stamps. Campbell and Watt, machinists of New York, were the men who made this roller.

This action in grilling these stamps was the result of a suggestion made by officials of the Continental Bank Note Co., during the hearing of a stamp cleaning case in the Federal courts in 1876. The grill roller used in this instance may still exist as the ultimate fate thereof is not available for record. The roller used on the stamps printed by the National Bank Note Company, was destroyed in 1884, as a grill roller. It was transformed into a ticket chopper and was used for destroying tickets which had been used in paying tolls on the Brooklyn Bridge.

Straw Paper.



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About 10% of the stamps ordinarily accredited to the Continental Bank Note Company show straw fibers in the paper. Practically all of the stamps printed by the American Bank Note Company show these straw fibers and it is possible that the "Continentals" having these fibers are from that indeterminate group printed just before the American company took charge, in the early weeks of 1879, at which date the Continental company had already begun the use of the softer papers which later formed what we know as the "American" paper. This straw paper is not, however, a soft paper. It is firm and snappy and crisp. These stamps range in thickness from .0024" to .0031". Fully 90% of these stamps will measure either .0025" or .0030", the other 10% being "outlaws" of various thickness. The majority of the stamps measure .0025".

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Advertising Chat—No. 13.

Space is too valuable this week for us to say very much, but we cannot allow the enterprise of the McGraw Stamp Co. to pass unnoticed. Look where you will in this number and the name of this firm stands out as one compelling patronage. We appreciate the bold stroke in advertising and our readers will no doubt appreciate it also.

As a compliment to the firm we have omitted our regular Melville book advertisement and urge a careful examination of the McGraw advertisement elsewhere. Those books on U. S. stamps are especially attractive.

We welcome Morgan W. Taylor of Hartford, Conn., to our columns this week and trust our subscribers will give him a kindly greeting. Parker's quarter page advertisement should get a goodly patronage.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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generally be accepted without careful examination. The typical copies used for the above measurements showed from 15 to 25 distinct fibers in each stamp. Holding the stamp to the light often reveals the presence of additional fibers in the interior of the paper structure, thus proving conclusively that the paper pulp contained a percentage of straw and that the visible fibers were not accumulated subsequent to manufacture, by contact with pasteboard, strawboard or straw fiber envelopes. This paper is comparatively common and forms a distinct variety which to the best of my knowledge has never been recognized or previously noted. It deserves exactly the same status as the "rag" papers of a recent date but it will never be as notorious or as valuable. It is too plentiful to afford much amusement for the philatelic crooks identified with some of the darker chapters of the rag paper days but it will no doubt prove to be an interesting detail for the studious collector of these issues.

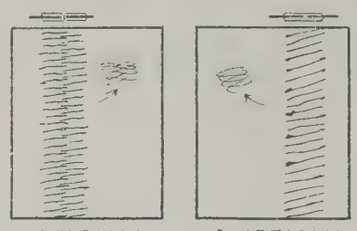
The "Two-One" Paper.



THE "TWO-ONE" RIBBED PAPER.

This paper was shown to me some months ago by W. L. Stevenson. In looking through an assorted lot of Continental 3c stamps I found two copies in 2,000 stamps examined so I assume that it is fairly scarce. The horizontal ribbing appears to consist of one heavy line followed by two lighter ones, from which the paper has derived its name. It appears somewhat as shown in the illustration. Vertical ribs, similar to the commoner "ribbed paper" are present in the copies which I have seen but they are not as clear as the typical "1-2" horizontal ribs. The heavy lines are spaced about 23 per inch, which, multiplied by three, gives the spacing of heavy and light ribs, which is about 70 per inch. Alternate spaces between heavy ribs seem to be slightly greater than intervening ones. The color is a soft, pale bluish green. The impressions are not sharp. The thickness of the paper is .0027" to .0028".

Stitch Watermarks.



STITCH WATERMARKS.

Approximately one stamp in every thousand should show, in the body of the paper, evidence of the impression made in the wet pulp by the stitches with which the ends of the continuous web of the paper machine were sewed together. On all the specimens which I have seen this "watermark" is vertical. This watermark would invariably be transverse to the "machine direction" of the paper,—that is the direction in which the paper travels through the machine.

This watermark is more easily seen in the thicker papers when the stamp is held so that the light is reflected from it to the eye in a line approximately at right angles to the surface of the stamp. In the thinner papers the stitch watermark is easily seen by holding the stamp to the light. There are peculiar exceptions to both of these rules. The stitches are usually spaced about 40 per inch in the National and Continental issues and 30 per inch in the American and Re-engraved issues.

In the National and earlier Continental stamps the stitches are generally the "over and under" type, similar to that used in sewing the cover upon a baseball, while in the later stamps of the Continental company and in those of the American issues the stitches were the "over and over" type. These differences are easily seen in the resulting watermarks.

(To be continued.)

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—A recent letter from Third Assistant Postmaster General A. M. Dockery to the Managing Editor of the WEEKLY, says that "Coiled postage stamps now have twelve vertical perforations, the number having been changed from ten. It is not contemplated to resume the latter number. The stamps with twelve-hole perforations were first issued by the Department, as follows: 1c, May 29, 1914; 2c, April 25, 1914; 4c October 2, 1914; 5c, June 30, 1914." In order to understand this it is necessary to remember that "twelve-hole perforation" means "perforated 10," as philatelists talk, while the "ten-hole perforation" means "perforated 8½."

FRANCE.—*Offices in Morocco.*—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us a Red Cross stamp issued for the Offices in Morocco. Scott's No. 1625e 10c on 10c rose of 1911, has received the Red Cross and "5c" surcharge, similar to the first Red Cross stamp. The stamp had previously been overprinted "Protectorat—Francais" in small type in black, in two lines, placed between the surcharged value and the Moorish inscription in such a way as to obliterate the three dots of the latter. Evidently this "Protectorat" overprint is a product of the war, and has been issued while the usual sources of information have been closed.

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Just as we go to press, Martin A. McGoff has furnished us with the first details of the new overprinted stamps of this late German Colony.

The new provisional set consists of the current "Togo" German Colonial ship type series overprinted in heavy type in three lines in black: TOGO—ANGLO-FRENCH — OCCUPATION.

As is now generally known, the ordinary stamps of the Gold Coast were used in this newly acquired territory prior to the appearance of the overprinted set. The postmark employed to cancel the Gold Coast stamps bore the words "Lome-Togogebiet" (Lome-Togo Province).

As regards the new stamps, we are informed that the highest value so far seen is the 80pf, but it is more than probable that the four mark values have also received the overprint of occupation.—*Stamp Collecting.*

N. E. P. A. & A. E. S. CONSOLIDATED.

The regular meeting of the N. E. P. A. & A. E. S. Cons. was held Tuesday evening, Nov. 10th, 1914. After the routine business had been dispensed with, the members discussed the plans for celebrating the Society's 20th anniversary, which occurs on Jan. 12, 1915, and to which the ladies will be invited.

The Special Committee, Alex. P. Brown and G. C. Russell are to make arrangements and report at December meeting. All members are requested to attend the next meeting to be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 8, 1914 at the B. P. S. Club Room, and assist the Committee in making such final arrangements as are necessary.—G. Carlton Russell, Sec.

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1002b	10c green Newspaper		3.25
1003	25c red Newspaper		2.40
1004	5c blue Newspaper		1.45
1004a	5c blue Newspaper		1.55
1087	to 1098, each stamp has margin with plate number		6.50
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66	£1 gray violet, rev. can.		1.00
68a	£20 yellow		2.00
142	Nicaragua 1901, 50c lake		.31
344	1904, 20c on 5p black		1.47
345	20c brown		1.98
355	4c orange red		.61
501	1c plum		.17
502	2c vermilion		.20
38	Rio de Oro, 15c on 25c green		1.25
43	10c on 50c violet		1.22
61	10c on 10p red		2.40
56a	Elobey, 05c on 4c INVERTED		9.00
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* 10	5c blue		1.98
10	5c blue		.25
* 12	10c vermilion		.60
11	Switzerland '43, 6r black		4.25
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24c	5c blue and red		.75
25	1852, 15r red		1.00
6	Swazieland 2s 6p yellow		1.70
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Colombian, Antioquia, '99, Nos. 117-127			.55

SPECIALS		Cat. price.	My
305	China 1904, 5c salmon	.35	.12
13	Kewkiang 40c red	.75	.18
Costa Rica 47, 48, 49, 57		.18	.06
Col. Rep. Antioquia			
	Nos. 117 to 127, 11 var.	1.23	.27
137	Antioquia, 20c green	.04	.02
Crete Revolutionary	G115 to 120	.52	.17
	Same, uncancelled	2.70	.50
Hayti, 89b to 95a, inverted		4.50	1.74
144a	Hayti, 1c on 20c, inverted	..	.20
146a	2c on 50c claret	..	.25
283	Honduras, 20c yellow	..	.12
291	10c on 1c violet	..	.20
168 to 174	Nicaragua	3.23	1.00
171 to 174	Nicaragua	2.95	.95
179, 180, 185, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191		2.83	.98
189	Nicaragua, 1p black	.50	.20
190	2p green	.75	.33
191	5p violet	1.00	.43
706b	50c ultramarine imp., pair	..	1.00
733a	1893, 5c slate, surch. inverted	..	.60
734a	10c slate, inverted	..	.30
737b	50c slate, inverted	..	.50
739a	2p slate, inverted	..	.30
784a	5c orange, black surcharge	..	.40
785a	10c carmine, black surch.—not blue		.40
787a	20c with black surcharge	..	.40
823	to 831, set	3.33	1.40
828	50c brown olive	.30	.12
829	1p lake	.60	.25
830	2p violet	.75	.30
831	5p gray black	1.50	.65
320 to 331	No. Borneo, 11 var.	1.60	.80
181	Panama 2c; 182	.08	.03
183	5c on 1p lake	.50	.18
151	Philippine 25c blue	.20	.07
107a	Salvador 3c, no surcharge	..	.15
109a	10c orange, no surcharge	..	.15
114a	30c blue, no surcharge	..	.15
146b	1c green, imperf. pair	..	.50
147a	2c lake, imperf., pair	..	.50
149a	5c blue, imperf., pair	..	.50
150b	10c brown, imperf., pair	..	.50
183a	15c ROSE	..	.15
338, 339, 340, 343		.24	.08
378 to 390		.99	.26
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12c	State	3.75	1.60
7c	Treasury	1.50	.65
24c	Treasury	3.00	1.19
90c	Treasury	.60	.25
7c	War	1.75	.80

E. T. PARKER, Bethlehem, Pa.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

HANDLING STOCK.

In modern business, efficiency is the order of the day. Every industry has come to look upon high efficiency as an exponent of success. Fifty years ago, a factory was satisfied with the difference between its products' selling price and cost. To-day, however, the live manufacturer must know not only the cost of his raw material, but the amount of labor involved in performing every process, in order that he may run his plant at the highest efficiency and thereby reduce his costs. The same idea is in the mind of every modern business man. Where a few years ago the letter press and copy book was in vogue, to-day the carbon copy and letter file is used, merely to save time and increase efficiency.

Unfortunately for the growth of the business, the stamp dealers are only waking up and beginning to see things in a modern light. Many dealers are still using the methods prescribed by their grandfathers, and are hampered by systems that should have found rest in the grave with the gentlemen aforementioned. If a stamp dealer is doing business for profit, why lose any of it by decayed business methods? To insure efficiency, every dealer should study the smallest details of his business, and eliminate and condense wherever possible. By carefully working out a system, it is possible to cut out some unnecessary handling of stock, thus saving time and decreasing the wear and tear on the stock by this useless handling, a factor to be considered by every stamp dealer.

In the matter of equipment, the writer begs to make a few suggestions, based on his experience with the various articles necessary to the business. In buying stock books, only those with interchangeable leaves and of uniform size should be considered. It is far easier to move a leaf from one binder to another as occasion may require, than to move each stamp from one page to another. There are several very good lines of stock books on the market. Of course, for quantity lots, a pocket stock book is the only kind practical, and the same remarks apply to these books. For counter books, a printed album of standard make is the most advisable, and the style printed on only one side of the paper is the most desirable. Dealers can usually procure these books through buying a collection, thus saving much labor in mounting. Every dealer should have a set of these books whether he does a counter trade or not, as they are useful in finding stamps when wanted for lists or otherwise. If possible, a set should be kept for unused, and another for used specimens. Whenever a new stamp is received, it should be placed in this collection in its respective place. In this way, the dealer can readily find a stamp wanted without causing unnecessary delay to his customer or loss of his valuable time. (A stamp dealer's time *is worth something.* Bear this in mind, and don't forget to include it in your cost. If you were not attending to the stamp business, you could be doing something else for profit). More sales are lost and customers disgusted by the popular phrase, "I have it around the place somewhere, but can't find it," than by almost any other reason. A. keeps his stamps in a dozen different places and hunts all over when he wants to find a stamp. He remembers he saw it last month on an approval card somewhere. B. puts his stamps in their place as received, and knows where they are in the dark. Who gets the business? Who makes the most profit?

In my opinion, the following equipment is necessary: a set of albums, or two sets if possible; a stock book (or books, depending on the stock) for surplus copies up to ten of a kind for used stamps, a similar book for unused (separate pages may be used at first, or used may be arranged at the left of the line and unused at the right, or *vice versa*) also a book for blocks, strips, and covers. As the stock grows, more books will be necessary, but these should be a continuation of the ones first used. A stock book size 10 inches by 12 inches, or thereabouts, is the most practical. Do not get too small a book. At the present time I am making no allowance for equipment needed for an approval department, as this will be treated separately in a later issue.

In handling the stamps and books, use care, as the less wear, the greater the profit. Pocket stock books have several ugly habits, such as tearing the stamps and perforations, and are also liable to become loose at the pockets, if overcrowded. Most books are designed to accommodate five layers of stamps to the pocket, and no more than this should be put into a pocket. Also, much strain is removed by lapping the stamps a little. While this takes up more room, it also allows one to get an idea of the appearance of each stamp without removing the whole lot. The less the stamps are removed from the pockets, the better for both.

In handling my own stock, I put all copies in excess of ten in envelopes and file them in tin boxes, first by country and then by number. On the envelope, besides the name of the country, the number, year and value, I put my cost per ten in code. If only one stamp is added, I multiply its cost by ten to get the necessary cost price. In using a code, it is advisable to select a word of ten letters, letting the initial represent one, and the final represent naught. These letter combinations will tell at a glance the cost of the stamp or lot, and selling price may be fixed accordingly. This code comes in very handy especially when more expensive pieces are handled. The code word is very easy to remember and is generally more satisfactory than a number code (which is often confused by the customer to mean the real cost, and false impressions as to profit arise).

In caring for stamps, it is advisable to use a stamp tongs whenever possible, instead of the fingers. Finger marks never added value to any stamp. Also, when mounting, use a first class hinge on all except the very cheap stamps for approval purposes. The new tasteless hinges are to be commended. They give satisfaction and the user does not find it as necessary to run down to the corner to wash away the taste as heretofore and thus time and expense are saved.

In handling rare stamps or extra fine copies of good stamps, it is an excellent plan to enclose them in small transparent envelopes, as this saves much handling. The writer recently had a magnificent copy of an early U. S. stamp damaged by taking it out of a stock book to show, and replacing it. Also, the larger transparent envelopes may be cut into sections and used. The four corners are best.

Remember: the less motion and time lost, the greater the profit. Save time by putting your stamps in the right place the first time you handle them. Don't move them onto a card for future attention. Do it now. You'll have something else to do in the future, and may need the stamp before then. It is too easy to accumulate a bunch of job lots and miscellaneous boxes and envelopes full of stamps. A prominent Western dealer has stamps in his stock which have stayed there over twenty years. He is just learning system, and it is probable that the stamps will move quicker after he learns it.

We will now consider that the reader has digested the preceding remarks, and we will consider that he is sufficiently equipped to handle a mixed lot of stamps just received.

In the first place, the lot should be sorted into the different varieties. Secondly, the best one of every kind should be mounted in the reference or counter collection. If there are more than one of a kind, or are duplicates to the counter collection, these duplicates should be filed in the pocket stock books. All over ten should be filed in envelopes. After the reserve stock is taken out, the dealer may, if he pleases, turn the lot over to the approval department for disposal. The cost of the lot should be noted, and prices marked accordingly. In every lot there are certain damaged and undesirables. These damaged should be put into a sealed box with a hole in the top, kept for such purpose, and when the box is full, it should be destroyed, or perhaps, donated to some one who could make use of it, but never sold. Also, it is often better to sell many odds and ends at a sacrifice rather than handle them, therefore boxes for 1c, 2c, etc., may be kept, and certain stamps put therein for disposal at those prices. This last feature can often be turned to advantage by mixing a few bargains in the lot, and making up one cent approvals, for advertising purposes, to attract trade.

All blocks, errors, etc., should be consigned to the book kept for them, and should be treated specially.

The dealer must work his own system out for himself. The writer will be pleased to hear from dealers on this subject, and articles dealing with same will appear from time to time. In working out a system, try to handle the stamps as few times as possible, and with as much speed and as little motion as possible. These items appear small, but aggregate a great deal. Success is founded on attention to the small details.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. H. R.—Missionary stamps are those gathered by the foreign missions, and while they usually contain only the cheaper varieties, occasional good stamps are found. These are usually picked out by the dealer, and seldom reach the collector, even in unpicked lots. Experiences have on the whole been so unsatisfactory that I cannot recommend the purchase of stamps by the pound.

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BRITISH SAMOA PROVISIONALS.

While many of us were not surprised to learn that Samoa had been occupied by an Expeditionary Force from New Zealand, there was a good deal of speculation as to how the occupation would affect the stamps of that territory. Contrary to our anticipation, the Samoan (ship type) stamps were overprinted G.R.I. in type 6 mm. tall, and the denominations altered to English money.

From information received, we understand that only a small stock of German Samoan stamps was found. We are also informed that there was a tremendous rush for these stamps, that very few were sold to the public, only one stamp was allowed to be put on each envelope, and in most cases the envelope had to be stamped in the presence of an official. The first letters we received with new stamps are postmarked 5th September, and we take that to be the date about which they were available. In addition to the first lot of stamps we have heard from several sources that there is a 1sh denomination as well, but we have not seen it, nor have our Apia friends mentioned it.

Unused specimens of this first provisional British Samoan issue will most likely be exceedingly scarce. Even used specimens will be difficult to get, for, as most of the members of the expeditionary force belong to New Zealand, the probabilities are that the letters bearing the stamps went to that country. The cancellation on the stamps appears to be the old one with the word "Apia" at top of the circle, "Samoa" at the bottom, and the date in a straight line across the middle. On all the copies we have, it is very indistinct, apparently having been done by an amateur.

Everything seemed to be topsy-turvy, but apparently instructions were sent to New Zealand, asking for a supply of stamps, and six denominations were overprinted with the word "Samoa" and despatched to that territory on 18th September. These will most likely be plentiful enough.

The overprint on the New Zealand stamps is in orange-red on the ½d, 2d, and 2½d, and deep blue on the 1d, 6d, and 1sh. The colours of the stamps are the same as those of the current New Zealand stamps of similar values.

It seems to us, however, that the New Zealanders are a little "previous," for should the Germans win, they would probably insist up on the "pearl of the Pacific" being handed back to them. We do not know the intentions of the British authorities. The seizure was no doubt made with their sanction; but still, part of the settlement after the war might mean that Germany would be permitted to retain Samoa. Of course, on the other hand, it may have been already arranged, between Great Britain and New Zealand, that if the latter took Samoa, she would be allowed to keep it. Up to the present, however, there has not been any announcement to that effect.

It is interesting to note that in order to provide sufficient of the ½d stamps, the 3pf ship type was used as well as the 5pf. The former is a breach of the Postal Union regulations, which require that all stamps of ½d, or its equivalent, shall be green, but, needless to say, not only Postal Union regulations, but hosts of other regulations, are being ignored at the present time.

Since writing the above, we have received information that the full set of ship type stamps up to 5 marks has been overprinted G.R.I. and surcharged in English currency, the additional denominations being:—

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—C. V. Webb, secretary of the Southern Philatelic Association, announces that his next monthly report will contain over seventy applications for membership. This is a record report never before equalled in the history of the Association.

—W. J. Stanton submits for our inspection two Mexican covers of interest. One is prepaid with the 10c re-issued Sonora with green seal but is cancelled with the word "Mexico" in large letters. It is explained that when the Villa forces took possession of Nogales, Sonora, the Carranza postmaster took across the line with him all the office equipment. A rubber stamp cancellation was therefore used for two or three days. The other cover shows a pair of the 5c green, eagle type, cancelled with a Wells Fargo & Co. rubber stamp. Under the Mexican law all sealed letters sent by express must bear the same postage stamps as though sent through the mails, the express agent cancelling them with the office stamp.

—One of our friends has been kind enough to send us five new yearly subscriptions of collectors, all of whom are employed by the Corn Exchange National Bank of Chicago.

—The Co-operative Exchange would like to know the present address of S. E. Morse, formerly 452 Pine St., Manchester, N. H.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Hugo Kuenstler (3).

—The Ellis (Mass.) Philatelic Club met Nov. 13th. A paper was read on "Postal Cards." The issues of the "U. S. 1847-1914" will be taken up in part at next meeting.

—The first meeting of the Western Philatelic Association was held at the rooms of the Atma Vidya Studio, in the Aetna Building, 1010 Broadway, Oakland, California, on the evening of November 11th. A permanent organization has been effected. The association will hold regular meetings on Thursday evenings of each week at the above address. The following officers were chosen pending the adoption of a constitution and by-laws:—President, Dr. John F. Killeen; Secretary, Oliver G. Beardslee; and Treasurer, Henry Loeb.

—Mr. Ohlman withdraws his complaint against R. C. Surbridge of Des Moines, Ia. The account has been settled.

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*Victoria ½d, Gibbs' No. 339, duty paper, rare	.15
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Surinam 1873, 2½c rose, unused	.06
Switzerland 1867-81, 2c to 1fr, mint, 9 var.	.08
Trinidad 1885, 3p black, postage due	.10
Turkey 1913, 2pa on 10pa, green	.03
Turkey 1913, 5pa on 20 pa, red	.06
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1885-6, 6p sage green, mint	.68
Tasmania 1878, 1p mint @ .05, 2p, mint	.09
1878, ½p orange, mint	.08
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U. S.	50c red parcel post. Superb lightly can. copies	.50	.22
U. S.	$1 parcel post	..	.68
U. S.	25c " " due	..	.42
Canada	1897, 8c* Jubilee	.50	.22
Canada	" 10c* "	.65	.30
Canada	1897, M. L., 6c brown	.15	.07
Canada	1898, 8c orange	.18	.08
Canada	1898, 10c brown	.12	.04
Canada	1901, 20c green	.20	.09
Canada	1903, 7c green	.12	.04
Canada	1912, 50c brown	.15	.09
Newfoundland	1867, 6c rose*	.25	.12
Newfoundland	1876, 3c blue	1.00	.38
Newfoundland	1880, 1c gray br.*	.35	.13
Newfoundland	" 2c green*	.50	.22
Newfoundland	1887, 3c brown	.18	.05
Newfoundland	1896, 6c carmine*	.50	.24
Newfoundland	1896, ½c or. red*	.40	.11
Newfoundland	" 1c brown*	.35	.13
Newfoundland	" 1c green*	.50	.20
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NOTES ON NEW ISSUES.

Samoa.—We have just received information from Sydney that the German Samoa stamps have been overprinted "G. R. I." and value in British currency, the following being the denominations already seen:—½d on 3pf, ½d on 5pf, 1d on 10pf, 2½d on 20pf, 3d on 25pf, 4d on 30pf, 5d on 40pf, and 6d on 50pf. We are informed that as the stock available is very small, nobody is allowed to purchase the stamps in quantity, only sufficient being supplied to pay actual postage on letters, in most cases only one stamp being allowed for each envelope. It will, therefore, be obvious that it is impossible for us to obtain these stamps in sufficient quantity for our New Issue Service, if indeed we get any at all.

Togoland.—The German stamps for this colony have been overprinted in three lines "TOGO—ANGLO-FRENCH OCCUPATION," but without additional overprint of value. We have a standing order for any provisional stamps that may be issued in this place, but it is doubtful whether we shall be allowed to purchase these in quantity; should we get sufficient, we shall send them to our New Issue subscribers when received.

Hungary.—Two war stamps have just been issued in this country. They are the 5 and 10 filler "inundation" stamps of 1913, overprinted in black in the center of the stamp "Hadi segély" (War Relief), and on the label at foot, obliterating the original inscription, "Ozvegyeknek és árváknak két (2) fillér" (for the widows and orphans, 2 fillers). The stamps are sold at 7 and 12 filler respectively, the extra 2 filler being given to the fund for the relief of widows and orphans of Hungarian soldiers killed in the war. As the importation of these stamps is forbidden we shall not be able to include them in our New Issue distribution.

Belgium.—As most of our subscribers already know, current German postage stamps have been issued for use in those Belgian towns and districts which are now in German occupation. The stamps are overprinted with the word "Belgien" and values in centimes, the denominations being as follow:—3 centimes on 3 pfennige, 5c on 5pf, 10c on 10pf and 25c on 20pf.

These stamps are still in use and are also on sale in stamp shops in Holland, Denmark and other neutral countries, at about the usual prices charged for current issues. A correspondent in Holland offered to supply us with any quantity we might require, at *sixpence per complete set of four*, the offer being coupled with the condition that the stamps must be sent at our risk, as they might possibly not be passed by the Censor. Another customer in Holland sent us on approval, without any order from us, 1,000 each of the 5c and 10c stamps in part payment of our account against him. The stamps were invoiced as follow:—

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Something To Ponder—Through the courtesy of Mr. W. H. McDonald, we are enabled to quote the following clipping from the Philadelphia *Evening Bulletin* of ———, 1862: "Rebeldom Highly Indignant.—'Yankee Trick.' Philadelphia Confederate Bonds. Detective Goodrich of the Rebel Treasury Department, has exhibited to the editor of the Richmond *Dispatch* what he terms 'the last and grossest piece of Yankee scoundrelism, and an infernal means to discredit the currency of our Southern Confederacy.' 'It consists,' says the *Dispatch,* 'in well executed counterfeits of the Confederate notes and stamps." The clipping continues: "The 'Yankee Scoundrel' who has counterfeited these valuable notes is Mr. S. C. Upham, 403 Chestnut Street. He has issued *fac-similes* of seven kinds of rebel shinplasters and two denominations of their notes. He has also issued exact copies of rebel postage stamps of three kinds, the five and ten cent stamps issued by the Confederate Government, and the five cent stamp got up by Mr. J. S. Riddell, the postmaster at New Orleans, and bearing his name. Mr. Upham sells these *fac-similes* very cheap; but they certainly bring as much as the originals are worth." This newspaper notice becomes the more significant when considered in connection with the following advertisement, which, in part, we quote: "Rebel Notes and Postage Stamps. The undersigned has published *fac-similes* of thirty-five different Rebel Notes and Postage Stamps, which will be found curious as well as interesting mementos of the Rebellion. Perfect *fac-similes* of the originals (printed on French paper, in red, green and black ink), sold by the 100 or 1,000 at the following low rates:—50 cents per 100, or $5 per 1,000 . . . . N. B.—Agents and others ordering by the 100 or 1,000, to be sent by mail, are required to enclose, in addition to the price of the notes ordered, 18 cents to prepay postage on each hundred ordered. Etc., Etc., S. C. Upham, 403 Chestnut St., Philadelphia , Pa."

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In His Own Words—We have before us a copy of a letter written by Mr. Sam'l C. Upham from No. 25 South Eighth Street, Philadelphia, October 12, 1874, which tells of the inception of Mr. Upham's idea and the successful execution of his plan: " . . I have to state that I commenced printing *fac-simile* rebel notes in the early part of the month of March, 1862. By reference to my memorandum book, I perceive that I printed from the 12th of March, 1862, to the 1st of August, 1863, one million, five hundred and sixty-four thousand and fifty *fac-simile* Rebel notes of denominations ranging from five cents to one hundred dollars, and presume the aggregate issue in dollars and cents would amount to the round number of fifteen millions of dollars. In the year 1863, two individuals in New York (Haney & Hilton, the former since deceased) copied several of my *fac-simile* notes, and I have been told, sold large quantities to bogus Jew cotton brokers and other scalawags, who passed through the Confederate lines and purchased cotton from the Rebel planters. None of the designs of the notes were original with me. My *fac-similes* were all engraved from original notes, for some of which I paid three times their face value in gold. . . . In 1862, I occupied the premises No. 403 Chestnut Street, where I sold patent medicines, perfumery, stationery, and newspapers, foreign and domestic. In the early part of March of that year there was a great demand for a certain issue of the Philadelphia *Daily Inquirer,* published by Wm. W. Harding, Esq., which contained a *fac-simile* of a $5 Confederate note, the first that had been seen this side of the rebel lines. I immediately called on Mr. Harding, purchased an electrotype plate of the $5 note, and had three thousand copies printed on French letter paper. They sold like 'hot cakes,' at one cent each. I supplied the trade at fifty cents per hundred notes. On the margin of each and every note was printed '*Fac-simile* Confederate notes sold, wholesale and retail, by S. C. Upham, 403 Chestnut Street, Philad.'" Other notes were printed by Mr. Upham so soon as he could obtain an electroytype plate of each variety and he sold the *fac-similes* at a uniform price. "I sold a $100 *fac-simile* note at the same price I charged for a five-cent shinplaster. I sold the notes as curiosities—mementos of the rebellion—and advertised them as such in several of the most widely circulated papers in the Union. I printed in all twenty-eight different varieties of *fac-simile* Rebel notes and shinplasters, and fifteen different postage stamps. During the publication of these *fac-simile* notes, I was the 'best abused man' (by the rebels) in the Union. Senator Foote, in a speech before the rebel Congress, at Richmond, in 1862, said I had done more to injure the Confederate cause than General McClellan and his army. Since the close of the war I have learned that President Jeff. Davis during the rebellion offered a reward of ten thousand dollars for my *corpus,* dead or alive."

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The Fac-simile Confederates—We shall consider only the Upham Confederate stamp issues made during the period March 12, 1862 to August 1st, 1863. In the *Evening Bulletin* notice, Mr. Upham is said to have issued three different stamps, the five and ten cent (of the 1861 issue) and a five cent, New Orleans, "got up by J. S. Riddell"; and in his advertisement "thirty-five different Rebel Notes and Postage Stamps" are offered by Mr. Upham. In the letter written in 1874, "twenty-eight notes and shinplasters and fifteen different postage stamps" are given by Mr. Upham as the total issue. The *fac-simile* stamps must have been in some demand to justify the increase in the number of stamps in the series, from three to fifteen varieties. As by no means there are fifteen varieties of design in the general issue Confederate, it may be inferred that locals other than the New Orleans five cent were included in the assortment. These issues of fac-similes of the Confederates in 1862 and 1863 were not inspired by any expectation of philatelic demand as at the time stamp collecting was a negligible quantity. It would be interesting to know more about the Upham counterfeits,—the certain stamps that they imitated and the characteristics of the printings. Information is desired particularly as to the counterfeit New Orleans and other locals and we have no doubt but that these first of all counterfeits would be of value in certain phases of research work in the Confederate issues.

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An English Observation—We were interested to find certain of our remarks in the issue of September 26th, 1914, attracted the attention of the *London Philatelist* for October. From its leading article, "America and Europe," we take the following excerpts: "In this fearful European crisis the great importance of the United States of America, as the only one of the four greatest powers in the world not involved, is becoming increasingly apparent. . . . The interests of the two great Anglo-Saxon communities are intimately interwoven in all phases of life, and in none more closely than in Philately. The influences of the United States upon the pursuit, both from a financial and philatelic aspect, have been more and more in evidence during the succeeding decades. In this crisis, which so seriously affects us all, it is therefore agreeable to learn that American Philately is by no means inclined to take a despondent view of things."

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Advertising Chat—No. 14.

Again this week space is valuable, but we must take a few lines to comment on this week's business.

We have four quarter pages this week, from Krassa, Parker, Drew and Hussman, which shows that our unparallelled advertising offer is being appreciated. Note especially the Parker advertisement where a third column of offers is obtained by the payment of $2 extra.

C. G. Dietrich, a Liverpool, England, stamp merchant of long standing, has taken up his residence in Brooklyn and will be found regularly in our columns hereafter. Mr. Dietrich has advertised in the WEEKLY in previous years and we are glad to welcome him as a regular patron.

The Manhattan Stamp Co. has an announcement of interest this week, and the manager, Mr. Miller, writes us that he intends to use the WEEKLY regularly. Jacques Krebs is taking occasional space and he will be remembered as an old-time advertiser in the WEEKLY.

All in all, for a regular number this issue of the WEEKLY shows a lively condition of business in the stamp trade. All live firms are represented in our columns.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

THE PERFECT PHILATELIST.

VOLUME ONE. Originated, Owned and Operated By Parnassus Penflip NUMBER ONE.

Editorial.

"Per Angusta ad Augusta.'

I have heard the call and I obey. Friends unnumbered have beseeched me to take philatelic pen in hand and write in iridescent letters of philately's estate, present and future. Feeling that the venal philatelic press represses the soul of the philatelic freedman and that by contributing living words to its columns, I stultify myself, I have hoisted my gonfalon; and beholding it on high, the despairing multitudes may take heart again. Poising my lanceolate pen, I shall lead my matchless hosts against the ramparts of error and plant the banner of truth on the highest parapet. The PERFECT PHILATELIST is here and the minions of darkness and the tyrant clan gaze on the lambent figure with eyes of dread apprehension; and well they may, for I, Parnassus Penflip, speak.

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Mayhap, it came to the ears of the publishers of the WEEKLY that I was to launch my dreadnaught, and peradventure, fear was distilled in their minds, impelling them to offer me space in their columns over which it was vouchsafed that I am to reign supreme,—untrammeled by pusillanimous doubts, questions of business diplomacy or petty pecuniary problems. E'en so, I accept the pledge on its face and to the world I say that if they have ulterior motives or think to fetter the independent thought that throbs in my paper, thunderbolts of righteousness will affright them and shafts of virtue will blind their eyes.

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Like some proud planet surrounded by its satellites, I shall marshall an army of contributors whose like no philatelic paper has ever seen before. Names to conjure with will be found signed to the incomparable contents of this palladium of philately. Scan the following list and feel the surge of exultation around your heart. Count Lapp de Booz; Sinpod, the Stamp Sage; Miss Gushie Gurgle; Embossed Emil; H. Wesley Legg; Percivale Nitwit, D. F., P. O. D., D. L. O., etc.; W. Hamilton Barnum; Beller, Our War Correspondent and Parnassus Penflip. (Note to printer: Use caps.—P. P.)

From the Front.

******* (Name deleted by censor). Beleagured in——— (censored). Cable coin. Stamp issues anticipated. Rush funds. (Signed) Beller.

Collectors will confer a favor on the management by not subscribing.

Dealers will confer a favor on the management by not advertising.

Abyssinia and Its Stamps.

By PERCIVAL E. NITWIT, D. F.; P. O. D.; D. L. O., etc.

It is reliably established that Abyssinia is a part of the Dark Continent. Its issues are prolific in shades, blacks predominating. One always turns first to Abyssinia in one's album.

(In the next number, our celebrated specialist will have another exhaustive stamp study.)

Sinpod the Stamp Sage Says

That in the first number of a stamp paper the announcement was made that the monthly had come to stay and that it is still being published.

That an expert said several years ago that a certain stamp was likely to increase in price and recent editions of the catalogue have borne out the prediction.

The Count Collects His Thoughts.

Philatelic psychologists will be interested in a dark chapter from my life which will account for my mysterious disappearance from the haunts of men. My last recollection is that I attended a banquet of the New England Philatelic Association and American Envelope Society (Consolidated) where, I was told, I was the life of the party. Inexplicably, a sudden languor overcame me and nepenthe was enthroned. I have just awakened on a solitary isle, one of the Kerguelens, I take it. More anon when I get my bearings. I send this by Marconigram.

COUNT LAPP DE BOOZ.

The Desperate Dilemna of Robert Harbinger or How Majolica Ware Was Wooed and Won.

By MISS GUSHIE GURGLE.
Author of "The Philatelic Cupid,"; "The Love Affairs of Bill Bloss," etc.

CHAPTER I.

As our hero swung along Center Street with manly stride many a fair maid fetched an involuntary sigh, but our hero, Robert Harbinger, saw not the fluttering bosoms, aye, not even that of Majolica Ware, the banker's daughter, for his thoughts were far away and his noble countenance wore a look of ineffable sadness.

CHAPTER II.

Robert Harbinger lived with his widowed mother in a miserable hovel on the outskirts of the village of Squatdale, and the poor home, for be it ever so humble there is no place like it, groaned under the weight of a mortgage for fifteen thousand dollars which was held by the banker, Majolica Ware's father, a cold, shrewd man who had no pity in his vitals.

CHAPTER III.

The mortgage was due on the morrow. "Mother," faltered our hero, "we shall lose our happy home," and tears glistened in the handsome orbs of our hero. "Hold," he said, and Robert's face was tense with stern resolve; "all is not lost; *nil desperandum!*" With buoyant step, he sought his couch to woo sweet slumber.

CHAPTER IV.

The following morning ere golden Phoebus had arisen, our hero was awaiting the arrival of the leading stamp dealer of Squatdale at his office. After a wait of many hours, Robert Harbinger was bartering with him for the sale of his modest collection. "No," said the dealer, "I can give you but twelve thousand dollars cash for your album. You see it catalogues but twelve thousand seven dollars and surely I am entitled to some profit." With a reluctant sigh our hero accepted the twelve crisp thousand dollar bills and choking back a sob, he left the shop. Where were the remaining three thousand dollars to come from to satisfy the mortgage?

(To be continued.)

The Spot-Light.

Colder.
Albums out.
Business is good.
Linn visits Chicago. Sonoras.
Wylie wants Beverly mayoralty nomination.
Watch for our artist in the coming number.

Did Not Tip Barber.

"A dealer says that one of the stamps has 'face scraped.' Serves it right for patronizing a lady barber," writes Embossed Emil.

We Pin A Medal On Him.

The Parnassus Penflip prize for the display of philatelic courage is hereby awarded to Mr. Pibble who, when his wife told him that she had taken a lot of unused United States stamps out of his album to pay the postage on some heavy packages that she mailed, batted not an eye, but smole a sweet sad smile.

Publisher's Announcement.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

BOSNIA.—*The Stamp Lover* notes the addition of a 10k value to the current set. It was issued in September.

Adhesive.

10k blue.

CANAL ZONE.—The Isthmus is to have a set of pictorial postage due stamps. A. C. Roessler informs us that a special set of four values is being engraved for the Panama Government, and will be overprinted for use in the Canal Zone.

CUBA.—Whitfield King & Co. has shown us the stamp issued to commemorate the Centenary of the poetess Gertrudis Gomez de Avellaneda, as announced some time since. The design is a horizontal oblong, measuring 35x21 mm., and shows a portrait of the poetess in a large circle with name in small letters below and "Republica de Cuba," in large letters in a curved line at the top. Just under this is "Correos" at the left, and "Ano 1914" at the right. In tablets at the sides is printed "Fue la mas grande entre las" at the left and poetisas de todos los tiempos" at the right, each part of the legend being in three lines. Ovals in the lower corners contain the figures of value, with the value in words repeated twice. The stamps are printed on white wove paper and perforated 12.

Commemorative Adhesive.

5c dark blue.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Frank M. Mason sends us the 2sh 6d King George stamp overprinted "Morocco—Agencies" in two lines like the 5sh value, Scott's No. 1236, but without new value.

Adhesive.

Overprinted "Morocco Agencies" alone.
2sh 6d dark brown; overprint black.

HONDURAS.—Jacques Krebs has shown us a vertical pair of the lithographed 6c gray violet of 1913-14, imperforate between.

MEXICO.—We are indebted to W. J. Stanton for a very interesting letter dealing with the Sonora issues. We quote from his letter as follows:—

"In regard to the rubber stamp reading Mexico, and used for two or three days in Nogales, this is a substitute postmark rendered necessary as the office was stripped bare of office equipment, when the Villa people took charge. Some Mexicans are sending out unused second issue, re-issued, and stamped with this postmark, claiming it is a surcharge. Such is not the case.

I am enclosing some varieties in the Villa issue. You will note that the arrangement of the 5c is not at all regular, no two stamps being in the same vertical line. I also enclose a strip of 2c in which one stamp appears to have a shade distinct from the other three.

I have received but a single sheet of the 10c and that was a "rush order" from an official. You will note that it appears in the same color scheme as the 1c. Do not know whether it is an error or not, as I have been unable to obtain any more of this denomination. The very first printing of the 5c was in an entirely different shade from the subsequent printing, the two half sheets being distinct shades, and each different from the present printings."

The California Stamp Co. has shown us another value in the new Sonora type-set issue. This is the 20c, the design being the same as the 1c, 2c, and 5c previously chronicled. The background is in orange, the seal in yellow green and the inscription and frame in black.

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19		12ca	2.20	16	1867,	6p	.50	30a			1c 1.40
21		1ca	2.80	17		1sh	.80	31			3c 2.25
23		2ca	3.50	31	1869,	3p	1.90	32			3c .50
26		2ca	1.10	32		6p	3.00	33			5c 2.25
27		3ca	1.80	34		1p	3.00	35	1876,	1c	1.50
28		4ca	2.15	38		1p	.40	37			3c .55
31		12ca	1.80	43		1sh	.50	38			5c .30
32		16ca	1.80	44	1873,	1sh	1.80	41			2c .25
33		16ca	1.80	46	1875,	1p	.75	42	1880,	3c	.45
34		2cts	.25	48		1p	1.35	42		3c used	.10
35		4cts	1.25	49	1876,	6p	.40	43			5c 1.00
36		8cts	1.15	49a		6p inv.	5.00	47	1887,	3c	.08
37		16cts	2.50	50		1sh	.55	48			5c .10
38	1866,	1ca	.25	52		3p	.70	49			10c .50
39		3ca	1.15	56		5sh	2.50	51	1890,	3c	.05
40		6ca	1.15	58		4p	1.20	53			6c .40
41		12ca	1.85	61		½ on 1p	.90	74			60c .80
44	1873,	1ca on 4 cts	.85	62		1 on 6p	1.00	20	New Republic		2p 1.15
61	1875,	1ca	1.15	63		1 on 6p	1.25	21			3p 1.25
64		3ca	2.80	68	1882,	3p	.50	39			4p 3.50
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82		40c	.85	14	1879,	1p	1.15	37	1860,	3p	.40
83		60c	.90	15		4p	2.40	41			8p .90
84		80c	1.20	19	1879,	1p	1.20	42			1sh .50
85		100c	1.25	20		2½p	6.00	44			5sh .95
87	1879,	20 on 40	1.80	22	1882,	1p	2.25	72	1885,	5sh	2.00
88		60 on 80	2.40	22		1p used	1.25	81			8p .12
89		60 on 100	2.25	23		2½p	3.50	88			5sh 1.50
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110		20 on 80	.22	30		4p	.40	7	New Zealand	2p	1.75
111		40 on 100	.22	31		6p	1.20	10		2p	.85
112		40 on 100	.40	1	New Brunswick	3p	3.50	21a		6p	1.50
113		20 on 80	1.15	2		6p	12.00	22		1sh	2.00
114		20 on 100	1.25	5	1860,	1c	.75	23	1863,	1p	.60
115		20 on 100	3.65	6		1c	.20	25		3p	.40
118a		60c	.60	7		5c	.04	*27		4p	3.50
119		80c	.50	8		10c	.20	27		4p	.90
120		100c	1.60	9		12½c	.20	28		6p	.38
123	1890,	15c	.75	10		17c	.20	29a		1sh	.75
124		10c	.50	12		5c proof	10.00	44	1872,	1p	.60
126		20c	.50	1	New Foundland	1p	3.00	45a		2p	.65
134		2c on 5c	2.00	3		3p	1.25	56		1sh	.55
137		1c, pair	.25	5a		5p pair	8.50	58		5sh	2.00
143		1c on half of 2c pair	2.50	8		8p	7.00	77a		5p	1.65
1	Montserrat	1p	.28	11		2p	6.50	*78a		6p	1.80
2		2½p	4.00	12		4p	10.00	82		2sh	.85
3		4p	.90	18		4p	.45	117	1902,	9p	.15
4		6p	.90	19		5p	1.20	119		2sh	.30
5	1884,	½p	.08	19a		5p	2.00	120		5sh	.70
6		1p	.55	20		6p	.30	263		10sh	.25
7		2½p	4.25	21		6½p	3.70	266	1885,	£1	.55
7		2½p, used	3.45	23		1sh	.75	269		£2	1.20
8		2½p	.40	24	1866,	2c	.60	273		£5	1.75
10		4p	.22	25		5c	3.50	274		£6	5.50
11	1884,	1p	2.00	26		10c	1.15	555	1891,	6p	.40
				27		12c	.45				

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Adhesive.

20c black, yellow green and orange.

D. W. Hulburd writes as follows regarding the discussion in regard to the Sonora type-set re-issues:

"Apropos the discussion with reference to the so-called re-issue of Sonora green seals, let me say that I have a cover, bearing the 10c with black roulette, dated 'Nogales, Son. July 13, 1913,' on front and receipt cancellation on back 'Guyamas, Son. July 14, 1913'; both cancellations are plain and prove conclusively that there were issued some, at least, of the 10c with black roulette, when the issue first came out, and that the stamps now released and called re-issues, may well be a portion of the supply left on hand last year, though but few of the 10c with the black roulette seem to have been issued at that time. I am not a specialist in Sonoras, but having the cover described, and noting the omission of the 10c with black roulette, in looking over the check lists, the fact seemed of sufficient interest to warrant my calling your attention to it."

J. P. Crawford notes that the 50c and $1 values of the so-called "$" issue, has the overprint in larger type than the low values, with a "V" in between the lines.

W. J. Stanton writes as follows:—"I have just received a cover with a 2c re-issued "green seal" perf. 11½. My correspondent says he has several copies of the 1, 2 and 5c perf. and on covers. I have handled over 700 copies of the re-issue, all used, and have never seen this issue perf. I believe it is a private perforation. The copy submitted is postmarked in Guaymas in October and I have several within two or three days of the same date, but none have the perforation. My correspondent also submits the first printing of the 5c Villa issue (orange background) very poorly perforated and unused. Will have official information on this in a few days and will advise you."

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Frank M. Mason has shown us the current ½d stamp, from a coil like the 1d noted in No. 1245. The stamps are perforated 14 horizontally and imperforate vertically.

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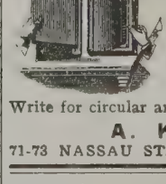
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U. S. Rev. No. 2885, imperf. cat. 40c,	10c
*Cuba 1914, spec. del. 10c, unused,	.14
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121 to 124 (4)	18c	.10
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383 to 386 (4)	56c	.20
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100 well mixed U. S. Revenues,	.15
Guatemala 1911, Nos. 144 and 145 used,	.04

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*Afghanistan, cat. No. 309,	.10
*Chile, 50c, 1882-86, cat. 50c,	.10
B. & O. Telegraph, 5c good copies,	.05

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MONACO
RED CROSS.



We illustrate herewith the Monaco Red Cross stamp already chronicled in columns of last week.

WATCH OMAHA'S SOCIETY.

A meeting of Omaha stamp collectors was held Wednesday evening, November 11, at the office of F. S. Parmelee, the well known Omaha dealer, and the gathering included several old timers, who were members of the Omaha branch of the A. P. S., as well as a number of new faces, and a great deal of interest was shown at the meeting. While this first gathering was informal in nature, it was the unanimous sentiment of those present that a permanent organization be effected, and Messrs. F. S. Parmelee, H. A. Whipple and Ora E. Stark were appointed a committee on organization. A meeting will be held Nov. 27, at 210 First National Bank Building, when it is expected that the club will be permanently established. The superb United States collection of Mr. R. C. Hoyt will be shown at this meeting. It is desired that all collectors in Omaha and vicinity who have not already joined in the movement, communicate with Ora E. Stark, 22nd and Hickory Streets, Omaha, Neb.

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*Nicaragua Jubilee, 1 peso, rare, No. 174, .40
*Nic. No. 168, 169, 170, 291, 294, each .03
*Patiala, No. 27, 69, each .03, 74, used, .04
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Cat. No.	Date.	Unused.	Used
30	1883-86, 10c orange	$ .10	$ .01
31	20c gray	.12	.01
32	50c violet	.20	.05
33	1892, 15c dark green	.10	.02
35	1 peso dark brn. & blk.	.38	.06
38	1899, 30c rose carmine	.60	.14
43	1900, 20c gray	.25	.05
44	50c red brown	.25	.05
46	1901, 30c orange brown	.20	.07
49	5c dull blue	.30	.01
56	1902, 50c red orange & black	.38	.20
62	1904, 2c yellow brown	.80	..
73	1905-9, 12c lake and black	.35	..
78	1 peso gold grn, & gray	2.50	..
92	1910, 30c violet & black	.15	.09
93	50c olive green & black	.25	.17
94	1 peso yel.orange & blk.	.45	.30
95	2 peso red & black	.75	.50
96	5 peso green & black	1.60	..
97	10 peso dark vio. & blk.	3.00	2.50
104	1911, 15c violet & black	.08	.02
105	20c orange & black	.08	.01
106	25c blue & black	.09	.02
107	30c bistre brown & blk.	.12	.03
110	2 peso vermilion & blk.	..	.40
111	5 peso olive grn. & blk.	..	.90
112	10 peso orange yel.& blk.	..	1.75
121	1912-13, 40c violet & black	.15	..
123	60c blue & black	.20	..
J23	1895 Post.Due, 8c red & straw	1.80	..
J24	10c red and straw	1.80	..
J25	20c red and straw	.25	..
J26	40c red and straw	.50	..
J27	50c red and straw	.75	..
J28	60c red and straw	1.25	..
J29	80c red and straw	1.60	..
J30	1 peso red and straw	1.60	..

Collection of 52 DIFFERENT CHILE, no Due stamps, for only ..... .30

ECUADOR

40	1894, 2c yellow brown	..	.03
43	20c black	..	.07
44	50c orange	..	.12
51	1895, 20c black	..	.20
52	50c orange	..	.20
59	1896, 20c orange	..	.06
60	50c dark blue	..	.10
66	10c ochre	..	.06
67	20c red	..	.04
68	50c violet	..	.06
70	1896-97, 1c on 1c vermilion	..	.12
71	2c on 2c blue	..	.17
100	1897, 5s dark blue	..	1.00
102	2c yellow brown	..	.12
117	10c ochre	..	.10
143	1899, 1s ochre and black	..	.08
150	1901, 50c light blue and black	..	.06
156	1904, 1c red and black	..	.05
176	1908, 5c claret and black	..	.10
192	1910, 5c on 20c blue	..	.10
603	1896, 5c blue green	..	.25
604	10c blue green	..	.17
605	20c blue green	..	.17
607	100c blue green	..	.45
627	1894, 2c gray and black	..	.04
628	5c gray and black	..	.04
662	1897-98, 1c gray and black	..	.17
665	10c gray and black	..	.18
666	20c gray and black	..	.18
667	50c gray and black	..	.65

Collection of 44 DIFFERENT ECUADOR, for only ..... .35

PERU

12	1862-72, 1d red	..	.03
14	1d green	..	.03
157	1899, 5s orange red	.40	..
164	1902, 22c green	.03	..
201	1874-79, 1c bistre	.01	..
202	5c vermilion	.02	..
203	10c orange	.04	..
204	20c blue	.15	..
260	1897-98, 20c blue	.12	..
261	50c red	.35	..
262	1s brown	.50	..
265	1902, 5c on 10s blue green	.30	..
266	1c on 20c blue	.05	..
268	1c on 10s dull violet	.60	..
372	1909, 10c bistre brown	..	.09
369	1896, 50c carmine rose	.12	..

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

CONDUCTING APPROVAL BUSINESS.

Unless a stamp dealer has an exceptional local trade, or devotes his attention to auction sales or wholesale business, he must depend on mail business for a considerable portion of his sales. While many dealers do not carry on an approval business, the vast majority do, and this method of purchasing stamps has grown far more popular with collectors than any other method, chiefly because it affords the purchaser an opportunity of seeing the stamp before buying.

The approval business may be roughly divided into two sections, "kid" business and high-class. If the dealer is in position to devote most of his time to the business, and can secure the assistance of several clerks (girls preferred) he will find the boy business well worth going after. The boys prefer low priced stamps retailing generally from one to ten cents, seldom higher. The larger and more brilliant the stamp, the better. This class of stock wholesales from 10% to 20% of catalogue and allows a fine margin of profit, *if enough can be sold.* This last condition applies more to the ability of the dealer to handle the trade rather than to the difficulty of securing business. Boy business is practically unlimited. Last year the writer inserted four half-inch advertisements in the *American Boy, Boys' Magazine,* and *St. Nicholas* magazines, using all three in December and one in November. Nearly eight hundred replies resulted from these two inches of space. Had the writer been able to handle this volume of business, and to properly circularize and premiumize the boys, it is probable that several thousand customers would have resulted, as each boy can be depended upon to send around at least five friends, and the chances are that these friends will do their part, etc. If the dealer puts out a good line of approvals, he will have little trouble in securing all the business he can handle. The sales from this class of business are generally small, and the expense of handling is practically the same as though the stock was high grade. Therefore, though the margin of profit is great, it is necessary to sell an immense quantity of goods in order to realize a material profit. It is practically impossible for a dealer to handle this class of trade himself, without assistance, though it has been done. It is far better to work out a system for handling this work, and then to turn it over to a clerk, or to some widow or cripple who will appreciate this chance to make a little honest money. No dealer who values his time above eight dollars a week should consider this work. He will soon find that he has enough to do to inspect the lots, handle the correspondence, and keep in touch with the credits and customers.

In order to extract the greatest profits from this business, it is necessary to simplify it as much as possible. The scheme generally followed by the big dealer is to prepare a series of lots, using the same varieties in each series. In other words, a hundred sheets of the same kind are prepared. (Even this quantity will not last long before an "army" of boy collectors). The same varieties are used on every sheet of the lot, and are placed exactly the same on each sheet. This method insures instant detection of substitution, aids the dealer in keeping in touch with the "best sellers," furnishes a check on the clerk mounting the sheets, prevents duplication in the series, simplifies the matter of filling up the sheets as sold (as will be explained later) and in keeping accounts. In preparing these sheets, the clerk may be given a hundred stamps of a kind, twenty varieties, together with a hundred ready priced sheets. It is a very simple matter to make up all the sheets alike, and no cataloguing and pricing is necessary, therefore errors on that score are eliminated. Duplicates of the stamps should be kept on approval cards (reserve stock in envelopes) allowing one pocket to each space on the sheet. In this way, as a sheet returns partially empty, the stamp to fill each space will be found in the pocket assigned to this space. Care should be used that the same stamp is not assigned to two spaces in the series, as duplication will result. Bear in mind that it is absolutely a waste of time and money to send your client a stamp after he has rejected one of the same kind. Avoid duplication. In mounting the stamps, in order to prevent confusion and mis-spacing (especialy if the employee is unfamiliar with stamps) a good method is to attach five small boxes, about 3x3 inches, to a strip of card-board, so that they are in a vertical row. These boxes should be filled with stamps to correspond to a vertical row on the approval sheet, each box representing a space, in the order of their appearance on the sheet. Nearly every operator is capable of mounting five stamps at a time without error, while even the more experienced are liable to make a mistake if the full twenty are mounted at one time. Also, thinking takes time, and time is money. The more automatical this work can be made, the cheaper it can be done. By placing the boxes to the left of the operator and the hinges to the right, it is possible to mount each stamp in six motions, as follows:—

1. Right hand moves from filled space to hinge box.
2. Right hand elevates hinge to mouth (or moves to sponge).
3. Right hand attaches one end of hinge to blank space of sheet.
4. Left hand moves to respective box, selecting stamp.
5. Left hand places stamp under hinge.
6. Right hand bends hinge and exerts pressure to affix stamp.

Since the handling of the moist hinge usually necessitates the most dexterity, the above arrangement is recommended. It may be reversed, however. By using such a method, it is possible to mount stamps very quickly and accurately.

After the sheets are prepared and accounted for, they should be filed away in a box or large envelope. Each lot should be filed separately, and in order. In this way it is possible to find the sheets as needed, without searching through the entire stock.

In sending out the selections, after the application has been approved by the "credit department," a sheet of the first lot should be sent out, together with invoice and return envelope. Premium and advertising matter may and should be included. It is advisable to have several different series available, including U. S., Europeans, Africans, etc., according to the wants of the collector.

In numbering these selections, the writer found the following system very satisfactory: Sheets intended for filling the first order were designated by the figure 1, those for the second by 2, etc. A cipher was then added, then a figure to designate the type of sheet of those intended for the respective lot, and finally the individual sheet number of that type. Thus, 10,170 signifies the seventieth sheet of the first type of the first lot. 30,346 signified the forty-sixth sheet of type three, lot three. Such a system of numbering will prevent the possibility of sending the same type of sheet twice to the same buyer.

(To be continued.)

SPECIAL OFFERS!! COMPARE PRICES.

This Ad will appear only once. Special Offers in October 31 issue are still good. Note the following **LOW PRICES!!**

*U. S. 1898, **50c** Documentary, **Mint** condition	?	.08
*AUSTRIA in TURKEY, 1908, Post. Due from ¼p to 30p complete, 9 var. **Mint**		2.95
CANADA, 1912 "King Geo." 5, 7, 10, 20 & 50c, fine	.27	.10
*COSTA RICA, 1911, Provis. 1c on 1 colon of 1901 issue, surch. "Habilitada" **Unissued**, probably on account of the misspelled word. We have but a few copies and believe this is a scarce stamp	?	10.00
CUBA, 1895, 1, 2, 3, 5, and 10c, complete	.19	.05
CUBA, 1905, 50c gray and black, scarce	.25	.07
CUBA, **1914, "Special Delivery" No. 355 10c dark blue**	**.20**	**.07**
CUBA, 1910-11, "Telegraphs" 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 10 & 20c, a very pretty set, 8 var.	.39	.08
*ECUADOR, 1908, Triangular, 3 high values, 20, 50c and 1s,	1.50	.38
JAPAN, 1894, "Commemorative" 2c and 5c	.11	.06
JAPAN, 1906, "Commemorative" 1½s blue and 3s carmine, Nos. 108 & 109, both on original postal card	.75	.30
JAPAN, 1913, from ½s to 25s, nice lightly canc. set, the high values are still scarce, 10 varieties	1.07	.22
JAPAN, 1910, "Military" stamp, issue of 1906 with surcharge, Scott's No. 201 type A26, scarce, cat. by Yvert & Tellier at $1. each, gauranteed genuine!!	?	.25
We have a few of above on **original letter** or Envelope at		.30
JAPAN-CHINA, 1900-13, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50s & 1 yen, **12 var.**	.79	.20
MEXICO, 1910, 5p carmine and black, a rare stamp **very fine copy,** No. 320	**3.75**	**1.50**
MEXICO, SONORA: We have a very fine stock of these and will be pleased to send selections on approval. We offer **in Pairs,** "Juarez" surcharges, "Gobierno Constitutionalista" in double circle, 1c gold & 2c red	..	.26
We have other Surcharges of the Juarez issue, also some Errors, Inverted Surcharges, Double, etc., and will be pleased to quote prices on these.		
*MEXICO, "Monterey issue" purple Surcharge (rubber stamp) two lines, 1c and 10c, both, mint	..	.25
*MEXICO, Sonora, **October Issue,** 1, 2, 5, 10 & 20c, 5 var.	..	.40
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Shades and Inks.

These stamps have been found in the following shades which are quoted direct from the notes by Luff. To this list I have added the names of the pigments which match the shades of the stamps and which will serve as a positive means of identification.

NATIONAL.

1. Pale green, green, pale yellow-green, yellow-green, deep green, pale green.

2. Malachite green, plant green, cobalt green, Hooker's green, (deep), cinnabar green (deep).

CONTINENTAL.

1. Bright yellow-green, pale yellow-green, yellow-green, deep yellow-green, green, dark green, blue-green, dark blue-green, olive-green, pale dull green, dull green, dark dull green, gray-green, pale blue-green.

2. Malachite green, permanent green (light), cobalt green (deep), plant green, cinnabar green (deep), Alazarine green (deep), chrome green.

AMERICAN.

1. Pale bright green, yellow-green, dull green, deep dull green, gray-green, dark green, myrtle green.

2. Plant green, green lake (deep), Hooker's green (deep), cinnabar green (deep).

RE-ENGRAVED.

1. Gray-green, yellow-green, blue-green.

2. Cobalt green (deep), plant green.

Under the action of acids all of these stamps lose the yellow pigment and turn blue and "cleaned" stamps will usually show a decided bluish tone.

The Plates.

The plate numbers found on these stamps are as follows:

NATIONAL.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 25, 29, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 54, 55; Total, 27 plates.

CONTINENTAL.

1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135, 136, 138, 139, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 231, 232, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 309, 310; Total, 112 plates.

AMERICAN.

311, 312, 321, 322, 323, 324, 329, 330, 334, 335, 340, 341, 341A, 342, 343, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 350A, 351, 352, 357, 358; Total, 26 Plates.

RE-ENGRAVED.

365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 395, 396, 397, 398, 408, 409, 410, 411, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421; Total, 34 plates.

The last plate of those recorded in the Re-engraved series was used for printing the vermilion stamp. It is No. 421.

The plates contained 200 subjects arranged in two panes, side by side, of 100 stamps each. All of the plates listed above were plates of 200 subjects and no other sizes were used for printing the 3c stamps.

My only source of information on this subject is the book written by Luff and the following quotations are lifted intact from that work.

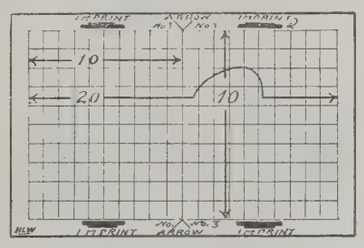


PLATE DIAGRAM
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NATIONAL, CONTINENTAL, and
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We have received some new Official stamps locally overprinted of which we suspect there are but small quantities:—

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Five ditto used on cover	.42
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Great Britain. Soldier's letter with Field Post obliteration & Censor mark..	.25
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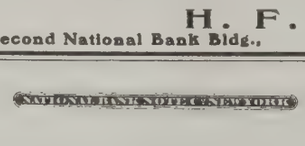
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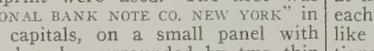
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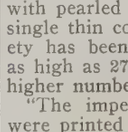


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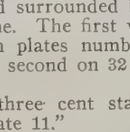
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"The imperforate three cent stamps were printed from plate 11."

"Only a very limited amount of information can be obtained in regard to the plate numbers of the embossed stamps. The following numbers are all that are known but doubtless many other plates were used especially for the one, two, and three cent stamps." (For the three cent stamp, plate No. 11 is the only one listed.)



NATIONAL



CONTINENTAL

The plates used by the Continental Bank Note Company were commenced in 1873 and the first plate was completed on April 7, of that year. These plates were engraved with a "secret" mark, which in the instance of the three cent stamp consists of a heavy line of shading on the lower margin of the upper fork of the ribbon which bears the word "THREE." A period of over twenty years elapsed before the keen(?) eyed collector discovered the existence of these secret marks. These secret marks were added to the Continental stamps for the purpose of distinguishing the work of the Continental Bank Note Company from that of their predecessors. None of the National plates were used for the three cent stamps by the Continental Company.

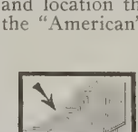
In printing these stamps the Continental Bank Note Company used two steam presses and nineteen hand presses. Luff states that the following plates were used on the steam presses: 3c Plates; Nos. 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 180, 187, 193.

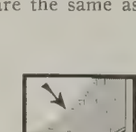
The American Bank Note Company with which the Continental Company was consolidated on February 4, 1879, used several of the plates of the previous issue, among which 292, 309, and 310 are listed by Luff. It is probable that a considerable number were used in addition to those noted.

In regard to the Continental imprints, Luff states that "The imprint appears at the middle of the top and bottom of each half of the plate. It is very much like the second style used by the National Bank Note Company and reads, "PRINTED BY THE—CONTINENTAL BANK-NOTE CO. NEW YORK." in two lines of white capitals, on a panel with pearled edges and surrounded by a thin colored line. Between each imprint and the central dividing line appear *"No."* and the plate number. Numbers 2 to 193 inclusive are ordinary numerals inserted with punches. Numbers 1 and 219 to 310 inclusive (except 233) are script numerals, from 5½ to 7½ mm. high, engraved on the plates."

The American imprints, on the plates made by that company consisted of the words, "AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY," in heavy faced, shaded capitals without frame or other surroundings. The imprints and plate numbers occupied the same positions as on the plates of the previous contractors. The numbers were all in small italic numerals."

The "Re-engraved" plates, forming one of our principal divisions in this article, were made by the American Bank Note Company and the imprint and location thereof are the same as in the "American" issue.


ORIGINAL


RE-ENGRAVED

The re-engraved stamps are distinguishable from the preceding issue printed by the American Bank Note Company, through various minor differences in the design. The most noticeable detail is a short horizontal dash, 0.05" in length, which has been added below the "ts" of "Cents." This dash is about 0.04" above the lower edge of the design. The most striking feature of the re-engraved stamps is the apparent lack of shading adjoining the white oval surrounding the portrait. The shading around this oval medallion appears to be but half as wide as in the former issues. The addition of vertical lines to the background of the medallion renders it a solid mass of color in the majority of cases. The original lines of various areas of the shield and background have been deepened.

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1906 Brazil, 10r-2000r, 9 var. ..... .20
1909 China, Temple set, 3 var. ..... .15
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REV. MR. BARBER AND HIS MONACOS.

Collectors interested in the stamps of Monaco will regret to learn of the death on August 13, of the Rev. George E. Barber, M. A., after a serious operation in London. Mr. Barber, who was a foundation scholar of Radley College, went thence to Worcester College, Oxford, England. He had been assistant curate of St. James's, Hampstead Road, London, N. W., and was British chaplain at Sorrento from 1898 to 1902. Mr. Barber later served as chaplain of Bologna and other parts. Recently he visited San Marino again, of which principality he had probably the finest collection of postal and fiscal emissions extant.

Mr. Barber's kindness to and consideration for the young collector will be ever gratefully remembered by recipients of his bounty. Following is a description of the wonderful collection of the stamps of Monaco, which won for their owner merited recognition:

The Rev. G. E. Barber's collection of the stamps of Monaco is quite a philatelic history of that small but ancient Sovereign Principality. Mr. Barber commences his collection with the old postmarked letters of 1796 and 1797 during the annexation of Monaco to the French Republic, and of 1837 and 1843 under the Sardinian protectorate. From 1849 to 1860 Sardinian stamps and from 1860 to 1885 French stamps were used at Monaco; one of the former (they are very rare) and a wonderful collection of the latter are in Mr. Barber's possession, comprising several rare postmarks, a beautiful pair of the five francs Empire, and one of the Imperial Telegraph stamps, used at Monaco.

The first stamps of Monaco, 1885, are preceded by essays and proofs of that issue (some very rare ones), while that issue itself is represented by very varying shades and large blocks and entire sheets, and, above all, a probably unique pane of twenty-five of the one franc (besides a pair and block of four), and a block of four of the one franc imperforate from the Reinach collection of France and her colonies, and a pair of the five francs.

The 1891 and 1901 issues are preceded by some very rare essays and proofs, and marked by the most wonderful set of shades of each value, including some very rare ones of two centimes, five centimes, fifteen centimes (salmon on cream), twenty-five centimes, and other values. Rare errors of both the 1885 and later issues are to be found, the two centimes of 1885 with a triangular mark on the Prince's neck, the five centimes 1891 doubly printed, the ten centimes of 1901 imperforate, and the fifteen centimes of 1901 in a block without the millisime.

The 1891 and 1901 emissions are also represented by a most extraordinary complete series of millisimes (the millisimes of Monaco are specially interesting), with several extremely rare examples, and the five francs of the 1897 printing with the millisimes "encadre" really an impossibility in the case of the five francs stamps, as they are only issued in half-sheets of seventy-five; two complete sheets alone seem to have reached the Principality by accident. All the issues exist in Mr. Barber's collection used with the various postmarks, and also on entires.

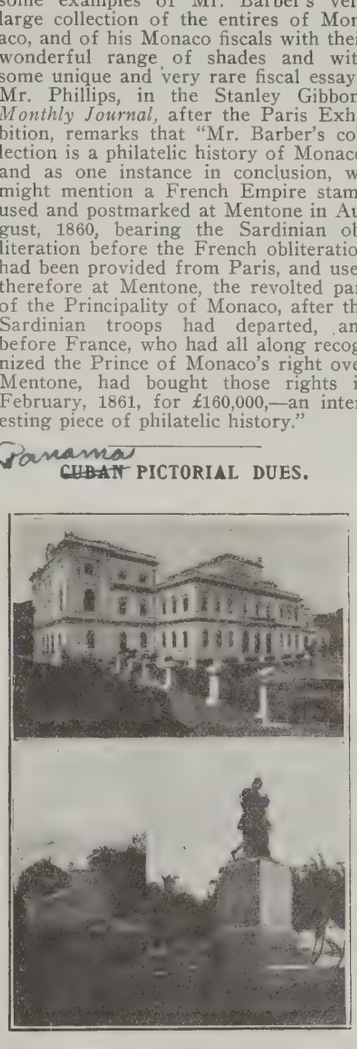
The "O.L." obliterations also exist most complete, with a full history of their unique use, the usage of Monaco stamps on French territory, and of French stamps at the Monte Carlo post office from 1902 to 1908 in the French Commune of Beausoleil.

The Postage Due Stamps of France used at Monaco fill up a large page, and the Monaco Postage Dues are there in large blocks with their millisimes, including the rare rose-red ten centimes of 1905, and the brown ten centimes "error" of 1908, and the one centime dark olive of 1905, of which only three sheets were issued with the millisime five.

"Curisities" include bi-sected stamps postally used, cut-out entires postally permitted, and the like. The Telephone stamps and Postal Orders and the like are fully represented. An interesting and very comprehensive set of facsimiles and forgeries of the 1885 issue from all sources provide opportunity for philatelic study.

The collection as exhibited shows also some examples of Mr. Barber's very large collection of the entires of Monaco, and of his Monaco fiscals with their wonderful range of shades and with some unique and very rare fiscal essays. Mr. Phillips, in the Stanley Gibbons *Monthly Journal*, after the Paris Exhibition, remarks that "Mr. Barber's collection is a philatelic history of Monaco, and as one instance in conclusion, we might mention a French Empire stamp used and postmarked at Mentone in August, 1860, bearing the Sardinian obliteration before the French obliteration had been provided from Paris, and used therefore at Mentone, the revolted part of the Principality of Monaco, after the Sardinian troops had departed, and before France, who had all along recognized the Prince of Monaco's right over Mentone, had bought those rights in February, 1861, for £160,000,—an interesting piece of philatelic history."

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—A. W. Foster submits for our inspection copies of a new provisional used in and around Torreon. It consists of the 5c orange 1910 Mexico surcharged "Gobiano Constitucionalista" in a circle with the letters "T.C." in large sans serif capitals in the center. The surcharge is evidently applied with a rubber stamp and one specimen has the surcharge in violet ink, while the second has it in both violet and green. It is plain that almost any color can be supplied.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Here They Are—Have you seen all the new revenue stamps yet,—twice twenty-one varieties? Neither have we but what we have seen have made an impression. The stamps certainly have a business-like appearance and the high value documentary stamps, particularly, are sightly productions.

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In the Mail—Our attention has been called to a rouletted two-cent of the current issue in the ordinary mail by Mr. L. B. Lincoln of Chicago; and we have learned that a number of stamps in that condition have been re-marked. Further, a western post office is said to have sold the stamps under circumstances whose truth we wish to verify.

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Hungary's Charity Stamps—From Dr. C. F. Roh, Garrison, Nebraska, we have received a cover bearing one of the five and two of the ten filler charity stamps of Hungary. These stamps, as has been mentioned before are the "flood charity" two filler premium stamps surcharged in red on the five, and dark green on the ten filler, the equivalent of "war help" above the crown and "for the widows and orphans, 2 filler" in the added label at bottom. The letter under notice originated in Kassa and bears the Budapest censorship mark.

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Good-bye—Here is the closing chapter of the United States postal participation in the affairs of Mexico; and while there may be a sequel, it would not be fair to try to anticipate events. Under the date of November 23rd, the postmaster general has ordered:

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Early Magazine Articles—Our valued contributor, Mr. J. B. Childs, Champaign, Illinois, addresses us: "In *Harper's Magazine*, Volume 43 (1871) p. 741, *et seq.*, there is a noteworthy stamp article. To thoroughly appreciate what this article means, one must remember that 1871 was only a few years removed from the beginning of stamp collecting in the United States. The author, according to the index is James M. Chute. Whoever he was, at least he had a good knowledge of the stamps extant at that time. The article deals with stamps of different countries and some of their history. The article was fully illustrated with crude woodcuts (I think that there were sixty-seven in all). The nice bit of information remains: the 1847 issue; some of the 1851 issue and others and the large five cent periodical were shown life size. That reminded me forcibly of what we have at present in illustrations of United States. I was possessed of the idea that such a stringent law was then in existence. You may have seen this article before; but if you have not, it might be worth the trouble of looking it up. You might know whether the government objected to the circulation of such illustrations. The author must have been prominent among stamp collectors then; his name might be found among the contributors to some of the early stamp journals. In an early bound volume of *Harper's Young People*, I discovered several short articles by Joseph J. Casey. The early volumes of *Scribner's Monthly* (now the *Century*) had a short article (illustrated) on the New York post office, which, I think, gave one or two U. S."

We Remember—The foregoing letter conjures up the days of old and for the time, memories of the past take precedence over the realities of the present. We have extolled Mr. Chute's *Harper's Magazine* article in these columns and the impression that it made on the plastic minds of the philatelists of 1871 has been recorded in enthusiastic words. There were several worthy stamp papers published in 1871, for instance, Trifet's *Mercury* and J. W. Scott's *Journal*, in Boston and New York, respectively, but stamp collecting had been but scantily recognized and collectors almost piteously solicited attention from the big unheeding outside world. Now we come to James M. Chute, who we remember as a Bostonian and a personage in the philatelic world of letters, if we may be permitted a complimentary flourish. He was a voluminous contributor to the collecting press up to about the year 1886 or so; and during his long term of devotion to philately, his allegiance was alert and out-spoken. Mr. Chute's setting sun disappeared over the horizon just as organized philately in this country became a realization; and he spanned the two eras of philately in America. Joseph J. Casey of New York City was a contemporary of James M. Chute and survived him philatelically but a few years. He was a scholarly man and a school principal in his city. Mr. Casey was a sort of dilettante dealer and conducted auction sales for a while in the late eighties.

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Illustrations Of Our Stamps—In 1871, there was no prohibition against the illustrating of United States stamps; and stamp albums, catalogues and printed matter generally used the cuts without let or hindrance for many years subsequently, as well. We remember that our first album of 1879 had cuts of U. S. but that our second one of the 1884 edition was without them. It was about 1883 we believe, that the authorities began to take measures to suppress the pictures of our issues and we know that Edward B. Sterling, Trenton, New Jersey, used a cut of the five cent Garfield on his circulars, with immunity for some time. We have gone into the subject of the date of prohibition of stamp representation more precisely in the past, having had recourse at the time to data that Mr. Sterling had supplied us with; and on this occasion we shall content ourselves with approximate dates.

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1895 1st set,1,2,3,5,10,12,15,50c,8 var. .10
'95 2d set,2,3,5,10,12,20,30,50c,1p,9var. .12
'97 1,2,3,5,10,12,15,20,24,30,50c,11 var. .12
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Salvador, Official
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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF GAMBIA.

By R. E. R. DALWICK.

The King George Series.

The appearance of the Georgian issue of Gambia was heralded by an official notice of the postal authorities at the end of May, 1912.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the new postage stamps, stamped envelopes and post-cards of the colony, bearing the effigy of HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V., will be placed on sale on the 1st September next. The stamps, etc., bearing the effigy of the late KING EDWARD VII., which may be in stock on the 31st August next, will be destroyed on that date.
Central Post Office, Bathurst, Gambia.
28th May, 1912.

The new series, comprising no less than sixteen denominations, duly made their appearance, having been printed from a new POSTAGE—POSTAGE key-plate. A new value was added to the series, viz., 1½d olive-green and blue-green.

With this exception the values were the same as the superseded Edwardian issue.

The colours adopted were based on the scheme instituted in 1909.

The perforation gauged 14 and the paper was of the medium wove unsurfaced type, watermarked with the usual Multiple Crown CA device.



The following is a complete list of this issue—name and value in second colour:

½d green.
1d carmine.
1½d olive and green.
2d grey.
2½d ultramarine.
3d purple on *yellow.*
4d black and red on *yellow.*
5d orange and purple.
6d dull and bright purple.
7½d brown and blue.
10d sage-green and carmine.
1sh black on *green.*
1sh 6d violet and green.
2sh purple and blue on *blue.*
2sh 6d black and red on *blue.*
3sh yellow and green.

The above is certainly an extensive issue, but one cannot but remark that a complete set looks well in an album—whether all values were necessary is quite another matter.

Dutch Indies 1912-1914
MINT AND FINE

½c violet No. 101, 1c olive No. 102, 2c brown, No. 104 ..... $ .04
2½c green, No. 105 ..... .02
3c yellow, No. 106 ..... .02
4c ultramarine, No. 107 ..... .03
5c rose, No. 108 ..... .03
7½c drab, No. 109 ..... .05
10c rose, No. 110 ..... .06
12½c blue, No. 111 ..... .08
30c slate, No. 117 ..... .20
50c green, No. 118 ..... .25
1gld brown, No. 119 ..... .50

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CUBA] CENTENARY STAMP.

We described last week the new stamp issued by Cuba to commemorate the centenary of the poetess Gertrude Gomez de Avellaneda. We illustrate the design herewith:—



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SPOKANE ORGANIZES.

Clipping from H. F. Root.

At the meeting of 32 stamp collectors at the chamber of commerce, Spokane, November 24, D. C. Bartley presiding, it was decided to form a Spokane branch of the Washington State Philatelic Society, to be called the "Spokane Philatelic Society."

The following were elected officers for the coming year: J. E. Rodenhaver, president; J. H. Lowe, vice president, and D. C. Bartley, secretary-treasurer. The society will meet at the chamber of commerce the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8 P. M.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

38th MAIL AUCTION

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Stamps sold by the lot. Bids must be made in multiples of 5c. Stamps in average condition, unless otherwise noted. Stamps forwarded to customers with whom we have had satisfactory relations, or to those who file satisfactory references. Others must forward cash before delivery. No lots sent on approval but stamps may be returned within three days, if not in accordance with description. No charges made for buying, but postage and registration are always extra and must be forwarded with remittance.

Lot.	U. S. POSTAGE.	Cat.
1	1847, 5c,used,trimmed close, red canc.	$1.75
2	1847, 5c,used on cover,pen cancel,good	..
3	1851-56, 1c, No. 31, used; 1857-60, 1c, No. 42, unused, no gum	1.25
4	1851-57, 3c on cover, blue cancellation	..
5	1857-60, 3c, outer line,on cover, showing outer line of next stamp at bottom, unusual	..
6	1857-60, 3c on 3 covers, with letters in envelopes	..
7	1857-60, 10c, No. 50A, one str. edge	.75
8	1857-60, 10c, No. 50A; 1861, 10c, No. 68, used, both defective	1.05
9	1857-60, 12c; 1861, 12c, used, both badly damaged	3.00
10	1861, 3c on cover, with interesting letter written in New York the day before election, 1864	..
11	3c on 4 covers,with letters in envelopes	..
12	1861-62, 1c, 2c, 5c, Nos. 63, 73, 76, used, 5c off cent., fine lot	1.25
13	1861, 12c, No. 69, used, perfs. missing 3 sides	1.00
14	1861, 30c, unused,no gum, tear at bot.	5.00
15	1862-66, 2c, No. 73, unused, off centre	1.00
16	1862-66, 15c, used, slight tear,off cent.	1.00
17	1862-66, 24c, No. 78, pen cancelled	.75
18	1867, 1c, No. 92, unused, no gum, off centre	5.00
19	1867, 10c, No. 96, used	1.00
20	1867, 15c, No. 91, used, off centre	3.00
21	1867, 12c, No.90,used, centred to right	1.00
22	1867, 24c, No. 99,used,small tear,good	6.00
23	1869, 1c, un'd,no gum,slightly off cent.	1.60
24	1869, 1c and 2c, used	1.10
25	1869, 10c used, slight tears, off centre	1.00
26	1869, 12c, off centre, otherwise fine	1.00
27	1869, 24c used, part missing at left, poor, just a space filler	5.00
28	1869, 30c, used, off centre, part perfs. clipped 4 sides	3.50
29	1869, 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 10c, used, 1c good, others off centre	3.00
30	1870-71, 2c, No. 146, unused, no gum, off centre, very good	1.50
31	1870-71, 24c, No. 153, used, centred to right	1.50
32	1870-71, 90c, No. 155, used	1.50
33	1873, 10c, No. 161, unused no gum, off centre	5.00
34	1873, 15c, No. 163, used, off centre	1.25
35	1879, 5c, No. 185, unused, no gum, slightly soiled	2.00
36	Columbian, $1, unused, o. g., slightly off centre, beauty	3.00
36a	Columbian, 1c unused, block of 10, imprint and plate No. 153	..
37	1895, 2c, No.267, three strips of 3,with side plate Nos. 146, 148, 149,unused	..
38	1902, 1c imperf., unused block of 6, with right plate No. 3365	..
39	1908-09, 13c, No. 331, on cover, fine	..
40	Hudson-Fulton 2c, imperf.unused strip of 3, with left plate No. 5390	..
41	1910, 2c part perf. 8½ vertical, pair joined ends with plate number under	..
42	1912, 2c imperf., unused block of 6, with top plate No. A5856	..
43	1912, 2c imperf., unused block of 6, with bottom plate No. A5856	..
44	Executive, 1c, unused, "Specimen" cor. perf. missing	..
45	State, 6c unused, fine	1.00
46	8 varieties Departments, one unused	1.17
47	1851, Eagle Carrier, used on cover, superb	5.00
48	1853-55, 3c env. on buff, die 2, used, cut square	.85
49	1857-61, 1c env. on buff, No. 1328, used, entire, fine	..
50	1857-61, 1c env.on buff,unused, cut sq.	1.25
51	War Env., 3c on blue, entire, unused	..
52	Boston "Penny Post, Paid." No. 815, cut and neatly mended, otherwise fine, rare	20.00
53	B. & O. Telegraphs, 10 vars., used	1.20
54	7 varieties Telegraph stamps used and unused	.85
55	1898-99, 10c on cover, mailed at Shanghai, China, with Registr'n stamp and mono. of Shanghai Club	..
56	50 different covers, precancels, permits, part perfs. and other oddities, curious	..
57	Am. Express Co., prepaid newspaper stamps, 2 varieties, used	..
58	McGreeley's Express, 25c, issued during Klondyke gold craze, block of 6, no gum	..
59	One pound common U. S. on paper	..
60	Confederate, Nos. 200 and 211, used, only fair; No. 205, unused, fine	..
61	Confederate, 1861, 5c green on cover, addressed to "Miss Stewart, Slabtown, S. C."; stamp shows date, "1862"	..
	U. S. REVENUES.	
62	1c Playing Cards, cancelled "A D—Jan—1863", beauty	3.00
63	2c blue Certificate, trimmed close at top and left	.60
64	2c Playing Cards; 3c For. Ex.; 3c Proprietary; 4c Proprietary; 4c In. Ex.; 10c Power of Atty.; 10c For. Ex., good lot	1.33
65	3c Telegraph, imperf., spot on face, otherwise very fine	2.00
66	25c Ins., double perf. top and bottom	..
67	15c In. Ex., 25c Certificate 40c In. Ex., 60c In. Ex., part perforated	1.30
68	50c Entry of Goods, part perf	2.00
69	$1.60 For. Exchange, off centre, fine	2.00
70	$25 Mortgage, embossed "Fourth Nat'l Bank, New York;" notched at bottom where letter cut through, fine	4.00
71	Documentary. $50, used, fine	1.25
72	25 varieties revenues	1.43
73	N. Y. Mortgages, with $1 Ins., $3 Charter Party, $5 Manifest, $5 Conveyance, fine lot, curious	..
74	50 checks on Bowery Nat'l Bank, N. Y., with stamps, "Bank Check"	..
75	Another lot same, stamps, "Int. Rev."	..
76	New York State Revs., 10 var.	..
	FOREIGN.	
77	Antigua, 4d, No. 10, used, fine	1.25
78	Argentine, 15c, No. 19, used	1.00
79	Argentine, Official, Nos. 265 & 286	.80
80	Azores, 50r, No. 26, unused, no gum, off centre poor	1.50
81	Bahamas, 4d, No. 14, used, slight tear	2.00
82	Barbados, ½d, No. 15a, used	2.50
83	Barbados, 1871, 1d, No. 29, used	1.00
84	Barbados, 1d, No. 33, used, off cent.	1.00
85	Bavaria, 12kr, No. 13, used	1.00
86	Bavaria, 1862, 18kr, No. 14, used, very fine	1.50
87	Bavaria, 1867, 9kr, No. 18, used, trimmed close	1.25
88	Bavaria, 6kr, No. 21, used, thin spot	.75
89	Bermuda, 2d, No. 2, used 1 str. edge	.75
90	Bermuda, Nos. 15 & 18, used	.80
91	Brazil, 260r, No. 74, used	1.75
92	Br. Guiana, 8c, No. 31, perf. 13, used	2.50
93	Br. Guiana, 1863, 12c, No. 49, perf. 12½, used, str. edge at right	3.00
94	Br. Guiana, 24c, No. 68, used	1.25
95	Br. Guiana, No. 146a, unused, Nos. 135 and 148, used	1.25
96	Canada, 10c, No. 16a, pen cancelled, good	1.00
97	Canada, 10c, No. 16a, used, off cent.	1.00
98	Canada, 2c, No. 23; 6c, No. 25; both unused, no gum; 2c has two rubbed lines across centre; 6c slightly off centre, very fine	5.50
99	Canada, 1c, No. 31, used, slightly def.	1.00
100	Canada, 1882, ½c, No. 40a, used block of 8, fine	2.00
101	Canada, 1899, 2c, No. 86, 100 used	1.00
102	Canada, 1903, 1c, No. 89, 100 used	1.00
103	Canada, 1903, 2c, No. 90, 200 used	2.00
104	Canada, Quebec Tercentenary, Souvenir Cards, 15 var. in gold and colors, unused, beautiful	..
105	Cape Good Hope, 4d, No. 4, used, trimmed close at bottom, fine	.85
106	Cape Good Hope, 5sh, No. 26, used	2.00
107	Cape Good Hope, 3d on 4d, No. 28; 6d, No. 37, both used	1.10
108	Cape Good Hope, 3d on 3d, No. 31, unused, no gum, thin spot	1.50
109	Cape Verde, 1877, 50r green, No. 6, beautiful used pair	1.00
110	Ceylon, 2d, No. 4, used, good	1.50
111	Chile, 1856-62, 10c, No. 10, used	1.00
112	Chile, 10c, No. 10, used, good	1.00
113	China, 5c, No. 3, used, fine	.75
114	Colombia, 10c, Nos. 74a, 81, 94, used, good	.80
115	Colombia, 20c, No. 82, used	2.00
116	Diego Suarez, 1890, 15c on 20c red on green, No. 4, used on piece of cover, superb	1.25
117	Ecuador, Nos. 29, 34, 640, used, one slight tear	1.10
118	Egypt, Official, 1865-1890, 16 var. odd circular stamps, long obsolete	..
119	Fiji Islands, 1d, No. 36; 6d, No. 44; both unused; 1d perf. missing; 6d off centre	1.75
120	France, 1906, 10c with ground, No. 133, 5 used copies	..
121	Germany, Thurn & Taxis, So. Dist., 30kr orange, No. 52, used, trimmed close, but good	5.00
122	Germany, No. Post. Dist., No. 11, used, small tear	1.25
123	Gold Coast, 1902, ½d, 1d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, single CA, unused, fine lot	1.14
124	Gt. Britain, 1847, 1sh, cut to shape, postmarked "498"	..
125	Gt. Britain, 1884, 4d drab, used, fine, 3 copies	.75
126	Gt. Britain, 1sh, No. 28, used, trimmed at bottom	1.00
127	Gt. Britain, 5sh, No. 56, used, off centre	2.50
128	Gt. Britain, 1867, 5sh, No. 56, used, good	2.50
129	Gt. Britain, 1872, 6d, No. 63, plate Nos. 13, 14, 16, 17, used, fine	.90
130	Gt. Britain, 4d, No. 69, plate No. 16, used, fine	.65
131	Gt. Britain, 13 var. postage, used, good lot	.88
132	Gt. Britain, Levant, 1½d, No. 1153, unused pair, chalky paper, superb	1.00
133	Gt. Britain, compound wrappers, ½d & 1d, King Edward, 5 used copies	..
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135	Hawaii, 2c, No. 31, unused, off cent. part perfs. shaved off at left	.75
136	Heligoland, 1sch, No. 6, used, slight tear, thin spot	7.00
137	Hong Kong, Nos. 8, 17, 36, used, one str. edge	1.15
138	Hong Kong, 4c, 6c, 30c, Nos. 9, 10, 17, used, No. 10, perfs. partly missing at right	1.15
139	Hong Kong, 1890, $5 on $10, No. 206, used, fine	2.50
140	Japan, 50s carm., No. 72, used, fine	.75
141	Japan, 1883-92, 1s, 2s, 4s, 5s, 10s, 15s, 25s, all unused, one damaged	1.07
142	Luxemburg, 1865-82, 15 var., used and unused	1.42
143	Madeira, 25r, No. 20; 50r, No. 21; used, latter has str. edge at right	1.60
144	Mexico, 1868, 12c, No. 66, serrate perf., rare, used fine	..
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146	Mexico, 1890, 5c, No. 216, unused strip of 5, superb	.50
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158	Nova Scotia, 5c, No. 10, pen canc.	.50
159	Nova Scotia, 1c, No.8, used, off cent.	.75
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170	Queensland, 1sh, No. 43, used, off centre	1.25
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The affair was a great success and much credit is due to the committee in charge, which consisted of Dr. W. L. Babcock, Mr. C. Frederick Heytrman and Mr. Theodore P. Ladue. The program for the evening was as follows: Registration of guests; address of welcome, General C. A. Coolidge, president of the American and Detroit Philatelic societies; exhibition of specialized collections, in charge of Mr. George W. Rice; literary contest in charge of Mr. T. P. Ladue; stamp drawing in charge of W. L. Babcock, M. D.; stamp auction, Mr. Don R. Bennett, manager, Mr. J. Wilowski, auctioneer; buffet luncheon.

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N. Y. BRANCH OF THE N. P. S.

The first annual dinner and dance of the New York Philatelic Exchange Society, was held Thanksgiving Eve at Aschenbroedel Hall, E. 86th Street, New York, and it can be said that from every point of view it was a notable success. Promptly at 9.15 a Thanksgiving dinner was served in accordance with a menu prepared by the committee, on which philatelic expressions predominated, and afterwards the members and their ladies danced to their hearts' content. Speeches in keeping with the occasion,—and of course mostly with a philatelic flavor—were made by President Herbert, President Weiss of the National Philatelic Society, Charles Heller, A. C. Roessler, E. H. Gammans, Jr., P. H. Simmons and M. Ohlman. Souvenir hats were distributed to everybody, as well as printed copies of the songs rendered by the cabaret singers, in which all those present joined most lustily. A. C. Roessler, the well known Newark dealer, presented to each a copy of the beautiful 3 cent Brunei stamp of 1908. As a social gathering of a very young society, the affair was a rousing success, and is probably the forerunner of many more to come.

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114		3c green	.15
117		5c pale blue	.10
118		7c gray	.20
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120		10c orange red	.15
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138		2c orange	.02
139		3c slate	.03
140		7c green	.03
143	1907,	1c on 5c blue	.02
144		1c on 20c orange	.02
145		2c on 10c orange brown	.02
146		2c on 50c claret	.02
155	1910,	2c red and black	.04
156		3c orange	.10
157		5c blue and black	.10
159	1911,	1c lake black	.02
160		2c lemon	.04
161	1912,	1c carmine lake	.02
162		2c orange	.02
166		5c deep blue	.06
167	1913,	4c light olive green	.06
168		7c orange red	.10
169		8c olive green	.11
170		10c red brown	.13
171		15c yellow	.20
172		50c yellow	.75
173		1 piastre red	1.40
181	1914,	1c green	.05
182		2c vermilion	.05
183		3c brown	.10
184		4c carmine lake	.10
205		5c deep blue	.10
186		7c gray	.15
187		8c carmine rose	.15
188		10c orange red	.15
189		15c slate green	.20
190		20c blue green	.25
191		50c red	.75
192		1 piastre claret	1.40
213		1c on 50c red	.10
214		1c on 1pia claret	.10

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

CONDUCTING APPROVAL BUSINESS.

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Since it is impossible to demand references from boy trade, and to investigate them, the only way to handle this business is to take a chance. A sheet cataloguing 56c and selling for 25c net, should cost about 10c. Thus quite a number of losses may be suffered before any consequential amount is lost, and the sales will offset this. In my experience, I found that between five and ten per cent. must be charged to loss, either from carelessness or theft. However, as I did not follow up my claims very well, this percentage is a little higher than had I made more vigorous attempts to collect. In listing customers, I use a 3x5 card system, using white cards for prospects, manila for customers, and blue for frauds. Consultation of this card case will often save a second loss.

In keeping my approval record, I use a loose leaf binder with specially ruled pages to fit. At the top of the page, I enter the name and address of the buyer, as well as any references and the source of inquiry. In the first column, I enter the date of sending the lot; in the second, the sheet numbers; in the third, the gross or net value, as the case may be; in the fourth, the net price for the entire lot; in the fifth, the discount; in the sixth, a description of the lot, if special; then in the seventh column (on the right side) I enter the date the lot is returned; in the eighth, the amount purchased; in the ninth, any debits or credits; in the tenth, the total amount purchased to date, and lastly, any remarks, to aid me in sending further lots, or otherwise. This entry sheet was devised by the manager of one of the largest stamp companies in the country, and is, I beieve, the most practical ever designed, as it gives the full information of every transaction in a compact form, and tells at a glance just what kind of a buyer each customer is. As accounts are closed or temporarily discontinued, I file the sheets in another binder, alphabetically. At intervals, I circularize these accounts and usually succeed in drawing some new sales from them.

In sending out these selections, the dealer must aim to please the customer, and yet must protect himself. Many frauds attempt to secure large lots after the first few times, and dealers should have a fixed limit of value for each selection. My first selection listed at 56c and sold for 25c net, my second at 90c and 40c net, my third at $1.28 and 60c net, my fourth at $1.70 and 75c net, etc., adding a few cents each time. The first time I sent but one sheet, the second, two, and later three or four. After the customer has proved himself honest and enough of a buyer to warrant the trouble, it is a good plan to submit larger selections. As my time was limited, I made it a rule to cater only to customers spending at least 10c the first time and later 25c each time.

For an invoice, I use the following:—

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Date

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If you have any suggestions or complaints to make, I want to know them.

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The above should give the new dealer a good insight into the handling of boy trade. Bear in mind that it is the volume of business that gives the profit. At an early date, the subject of "High Class Approval Trade" will be discussed.

CATERING TO HIGH CLASS APPROVAL TRADE.

In many ways, the high class trade is handled the same as the cheap class. Essentially the same methods and forms should be employed. These were discussed in detail in the last issue.

In dealing with boy trade, it is the volume of sales that brings the profit. In the high class trade, the profits are based on the individual sale. As far as stock and preparation are concerned, high class approvals differ materially from low priced ones. In the low priced series, an inexperienced clerk can easily mount a series without error, but in preparing large selections of fine stamps, more or less knowledge of stamps is required. Where it is possible to mount a hundred selections of a kind of cheap stamps, it is possible to mount only a limited number of high priced ones.

Personality is a fundamental requirement in handling high class trade. The same would apply to the cheap trade but for the fact that the cost of individual attention is prohibitive, where the volume of business is so great.

Let us suppose that the dealer has quite a large stock, consisting of possibly fifteen thousand varieties, and from ten to fifty of a kind of many of the cheaper stamps. A great many collectors are satisfied with a general selection of miscellaneous stamps, or by countries, and do not require as complete a lot as the specialists. For these collectors, the dealer should prepare a series from his surplus stock, making possibly ten or twenty books of a kind, and using only stamps of which he has quite a line. In this way, it is possible to price the entire lot of books by cataloguing one, also spaces can be readily filled without retiring the books from circulation, as stamps are sold. Much time and trouble are saved in this way.

Many collectors of single countries, or heavy buyers, require large selections by countries. It is well to make up these books to fill the wants of the buyer. This gives him an opportunity to use his personality in supplying the wants of his customers.

From an advertising point of view, the dealer who can furnish a good line of books by countries, and who features them in some unique manner, has a splendid means of attracting trade. It is possible to secure an "individual" approval book for practically the same price as the usual stock books so generally used by dealers; Messrs. Poole, Brown, Legg, and Gibbons, among others, have their own style of books. No matter how nice the stamps are, if the book is crude, or the stamps are mounted in a slovenly fashion, the final result will lack many of the fine touches so important in making sales. My own book is made up from pale blue stock, unruled, with a darker blue cover, is size 3½ by 6 inches, and is of the type known as vertical. The stamps are mounted in four rows of three stamps each. As there is no ruling on the pages, I can mount blocks or large stamps without spoiling the appearance of the page, and can also note any data I see fit. I prefer the vertical type for the reason that the book may be held and inspected without the pages sagging.

A first class selection of a country should include every variety, or as many as possible, both unused and used; also minor varieties, pairs, strips, blocks, or oddities. The stamps should be numbered and catalogued, and any descriptive matter noted. Needless to say, any damaged goods should be excluded, or in the case of great rarities such defects should be noted, also reprints and counterfeits should be sold as such. These latter may be included in selections by countries as many collectors like to buy them for reference. When they are sold, however, no misunderstanding as to their nature should be permitted. Remember, that practically every collector who would care for a first class selection of this nature is a "condition crank." Therefore, make your books by countries your very best selections, and give them the pick of your stock. If necessary, charge a little more for the stamps. Bear in mind that neatness in mounting will act largely in selling your stamps; so use the utmost care in making up the selections. Put yourself back of every book. If a stamp is especially scarce, note the fact. Let the buyer of these books know that you appreciate his business and that you are giving him the very cream of your stock. Sell him what he wants, not what you want him to have, if you would satisfy him.

When a new customer applies for advanced selections, it is a good plan to send him a card for information with the first selection. This card should contain the following questions, or those of a similar nature: Do you collect 19th Century? 20th? Used? Unused? Both? Pairs, strips, blocks? Minor varieties? Perforation and watermark varieties? Paper varieties? Shades? How large is your collection? Do you collect all countries? If not, what? What country do you prefer? With the above information, the dealer can easily base his selections on the wants of the collector. Probably a good portion of the approval business is lost because the dealer fails to connect the right stamps with the right buyer. If your man collects United States only, why send him a lot of Russians or Chinese? If he wants unused, don't waste your time making him want used. He knows what he wants and will go somewhere else to get it if you can't supply him. If he asks for U. S. and you can't supply them, tell him what you have in Africans, but don't send them.

Service is the key-note of success. The better the service rendered, the more satisfied the client. The more satisfied the client, the better buyer he becomes. All because of service. If your customer sends you a want list and you can't fill it, why not send to some other dealer who can, and supply the stamps at cost, rather than see your customer go to the dealer who can fill his wants. Furthermore, it is possible to make arrangements with some of the large dealers to fill any lists submitted at "trade-discounts" so a little profit can usually be made. A satisfied customer is the best advertising medium a dealer can have. A prominent local dealer says, "I use the WEEKLY to get the business and my own service to keep it." That man knows how to play the game, and he is on the winning side—a long way ahead of another dealer who says, "If you don't like my stuff, go somewheres else."

In mailing selections of value, the dealer should avail himself of the opportunities offered by parcel post insurance. Many of the reputable insurance companies offer coupon books priced at $2.50 and $5.00 per 100 coupons. One coupon will insure a letter up to $10.00 in value by ordinary mail and $50.00 in value by registered mail, 2 coupons will insure to $25.00 by ordinary mail, etc., until a value of $50.00 by ordinary mail or $150.00 by registered mail is reached. For selections of $25.00 and under, this means of protection is far cheaper than registered mail, and also the losses are generally paid quicker. Dealers should take this matter up with their local insurance agents, or if they cannot accommodate them, I will gladly direct them to some agent who can.

In checking up the books as they are returned, in case it is impossible to replace the stamp sold, the dealer should mark the space with a rubber stamp with his initials or some mark for identification, in order that the vacancy may not be charged to the next buyer. Also, the initials of the buyer receiving the book may be entered on the back inside cover, or some other convenient place. In this way, the book will not be sent twice to the same collector, unless by request.

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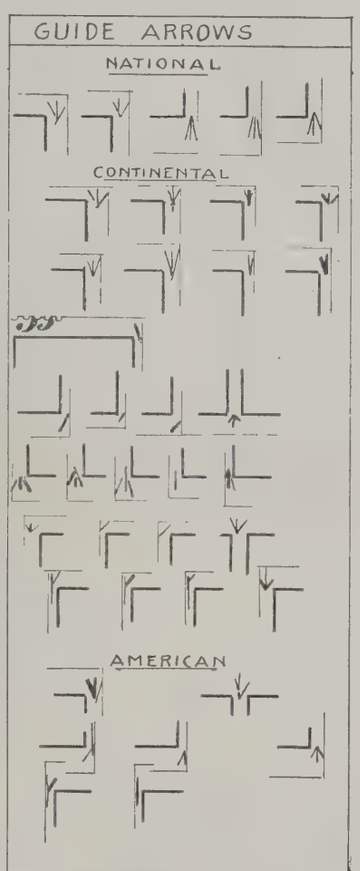
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Guide Arrows.



Out of a total of 38 stamps showing arrows on the margins the locations were as follows:

Corner of Stamp.	National.	Continental.	American.	Re-Engraved.	Position. Total.	Per Cent.
N. E.	2	9	2	—	13	34%
S. E.	3	4	3	—	10	26%
S. W.	—	5	—	—	5	13%
N. W.	—	8	2	—	10	26%
Total Found,	5	26	7	0		
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The 38 stamps showing arrows on the margin were found in an "unpicked" lot of 6,000 mixed National, Continental and American issues. The normal yield should be one "arrow" stamp for every fifty examined in case the sheets were cut exactly on the arrows.

In this case but one stamp in one hundred and sixty shows the arrow.

Plate Lines.

No "guide lines" were engraved on any of these 3c plates. The upper and lower margins show small "arrows" at the middle of the sheet. The arrows, as usual, point toward the center of the sheet. Stamps which show parts of the arrow and the numerals of the plate number are sometimes found.

The illustration shows the characteristics of the various marginal arrows which are available for study in my personal accumulation.

Perforation.

All of these stamps were perforated 12. Luff reports the three cent Continental imperforate and in a horizontal pair, imperforate between the stamps. In the National issue, he reports the three cent stamp imperforate, and another variety with "Impression on the reverse." The imperforate three cent National was from plate No. 11.

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Cancellations.

The earlier stamps were canceled with whatever happened to be available, and the appropriately whittled end of a broomstick seems to have had an extended vogue. About ten per cent. of all the stamps observed had received colored cancellations of which blue predominated. The colored and pen cancellations in a mixed lot of these stamps will run about as follows:

Type.	Quantity
Pen,	2%
Color,	10%
Red,	1/12 of 1%
Purple,	5/12 of 1%
Blue,	8%

An analysis of the pen cancellations existing on 103 copies of the 3c National and Continental issues is recorded herewith. The fact that about 90% of the pen cancelled stamps observed are copies in which the cancellation falls completely on the stamp and does not extend to the envelope may be of value in considering some of the "bisected provisionals" which are offered to collectors from time to time in which "philatelic evidence" in the form of numerous pen strokes extending over both stamp and paper are strongly in "evidence."

Pen Cancellations. 3c *National and Continental Issues.*

Type of Cancellation.	No. Found.	C. on Stamp Only.	C. on Stamp & Envelope
Initial	2	2	—
Endorsement	3	2	1
Scrawl	7	7	—
1 Stroke	3	1	2
2 Stroke	14	10	4
3 Stroke	26	24	2
4 Stroke	1	1	—
5 Stroke	2	2	—
2 Crossed 1-1	12	11	1
3 Crossed 1-2	10	10	—
4 Crossed 2-2	16	15	1
4 Crossed 1-3	3	2	1
5 Crossed 2-3	2	2	—
7 Crossed 3-4	1	1	—
8 Crossed 4-4	1	1	—
Total,	103	91	12
Percentage,	100%	88%	12%

Statistics of Issue.

The student may be one who takes an interest in comparative statistics and for his benefit and for the sake of completeness as far as it may be attained by my efforts, I have burdened this article with the following figures taken from Luff's Encyclopedia.

Quarterly Reports Showing Number of 3c Postage Stamps Issued from 1870 to 1890.

For Quarter Ending	Number	For Quarter Ending	Number
12-31-1869	84,567,400	9-30-1880	132,174,800
3-31-1870	97,434,900	12-31-1880	142,142,100
6-30-1870	89,449,100	3-31-1881	151,953,500
9-30-1870	86,944,500	6-30-1881	141,143,400
12-31-1870	97,146,100	9-30-1881	161,825,800
3-31-1871	99,791,100	12-31-1881	166,676,000
6-30-1871	93,719,500	3-31-1882	183,352,000
9-30-1871	94,873,100	6-30-1882	168,609,900
12-31-1871	102,041,000	9-30-1882	167,930,400
3-31-1872	105,623,600	12-31-1882	174,138,800
6-30-1872	101,963,800	3-31-1883	182,868,500
9-30-1872	100,535,000	6-30-1883	174,862,100
12-31-1872	109,830,000	9-30-1883	95,461,000
3-31-1873	109,519,800	12-31-1883	5,000
6-30-1873	108,729,600	3-31-1884	25,200
9-30-1873	106,718,300	6-30-1884	34,900
12-31-1873	108,041,600	9-31-1884	.....
3-31-1874	115,068,100	12-31-1884	200,000
6-30-1874	111,708,600	3-31-1885	66,000
9-30-1874	109,835,800	6-30-1885	153,000
12-31-1874	116,605,600	9-30-1885	200,000
3-31-1875	118,961,600	12-31-1885	155,500
6-30-1875	115,932,500	3-31-1886	319,600
9-30-1875	112,466,600	6-30-1886	201,200
12-31-1875	120,030,400	9-30-1886	61,100
3-31-1876	120,640,200	12-31-1886	312,000
6-30-1876	121,529,000	3-31-1887	791,500
9-30-1876	111,583,700	6-30-1887	100,000
12-31-1876	112,827,900	9-30-1887	100,500
3-31-1877	116,530,000	12-31-1887	604,100
6-30-1877	115,192,300	3-31-1888	1,884,700
9-30-1877	115,943,700	6-30-1888	1,441,100
12-31-1877	118,525,600	9-30-1888	825,300
3-31-1878	130,316,300	12-31-1888	1,715,400
6-30-1878	118,542,900	3-31-1889	2,005,200
9-30-1878	115,967,700	6-30-1889	1,545,700
12-31-1878	122,577,100	9-30-1889	3,588,900
3-31-1879	129,675,600	12-31-1889	1,085,500
6-30-1879	125,633,600	3-31-1890	2,805,400
9-30-1879	128,951,300	6-30-1890	2,666,500
12-31-1879	129,452,900	9-30-1890	2,053,700
3-31-1880	148,615,700	12-31-1890	2,596,300
6-30-1880	134,583,700		

The approximate totals of each issue are as follows:

National,	1,200,000,000
Continental,	2,720,000,000
American,	1,240,000,000
Re-engraved,	1,478,000,000
Vermilion,	16,500,000
Total, except vermilion stamps,	6,638,000,000

Check List.

General.

Dated Cancellations	Pairs
Pen "	Strips
Colored "	Blocks
Arrows	Shades
Imprints	Freaks
Plate Numbers	Double Transfers
Guide Dots	Stitch Watermarks

National.

Double Paper (?)	Marginal Grill
Grilled	Imperforate
Double Grill	Part Perforate

Continental.

Grilled	Horizontal Cuts
Double Paper	Imperforate
Ribbed Papers	Part Perforate
Starched Paper	Laid Paper
Chemical Papers	Straw Paper
Fletcher (Cogwheel) Patent.	

American.

Straw Paper	Double Paper (?)

Re-engraved.

Straw Paper	Douglas Patent

The foregoing check list includes several varieties which are not ordinarily obtainable by the average collector. Undoubtedly there are many more common varieties which are of interest. If the American and "Re-engraved" issues are studied they will yield much that is worthy of record. These stamps have been neglected because they were too "common" to attract the fastidious collector whose envious eye is too often fixed upon the unobtainable beauties that grace the albums of the great.

Acknowledgment is made to author and publishers of "The Postage Stamps of the United States" for valuable data contained therein which have formed an important part of this article.

Much of the material which was studied was supplied through the kindness of Mr. E. B. Power.

Without the valuable information written by Mr. Luff and the indispensable stamps furnished by Mr. Power this article could not have been prepared.

Congo 1894, 1fr lilac and black .... .20
1895, 10c blue and black, mint .... .06
Costa Rica 1892, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c ..... .05
1892, Official, 1, 2, 5, 10, 50c, mint .25
1892, 1, 2p, mint ..... .10
1901, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25c ..... .08
1901, 50c lilac and blue ..... .12
1905, 1c on 20c lake and black, mint .04
1907, 1, 2, 5, 10c ..... .04
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1897, Jubilee, 1c, 2c, 3c	.15	.05
1897, Maple leaf, 7 varieties..	.33	.15
1898, Numeral, 7 var.	.44	.18
1898, Xmas 2 var.& 3 var.2c '99	.11	.05
1902, 7c yellow, Queen	.12	.05
1903, complete, 7 var.	.38	.15
1908, Quebec, ½, 1c, 2c, 3 var.	.10	.04
1912, 8 var.	.22	.09

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By WILMOT CORFIELD.

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The Mohammedan Hegira is reckoned from 622 A. D. Each country's philatelic Hegira should date from the most convenient point following the 6th May, 1910.

Philatelic time would be measured off into two periods: there would be an old philatelic dispensation, and a new philatelic dispensation; and collectors would accustom themselves to think in the terms of two Philatelics instead of one, and work out their ideas accordingly. The death-day of King Edward would arbitrarily become the earliest date from which the new Hegira could start.

A sort of philatelic "A. D." and a philatelic "B. C." would follow as a matter of course. The pre-Hegira catalogue (with the exception of its price-columns) would tend to consolidation and ultimate finality. The Hegira catalogue would start under conditions laid down in the light of the accumulated knowledge of the years, and continue upon scientific methods.

In Great Britain the last stamp of the pre-Hegira catalogue would be the Edwardian 7d, and the first of the Hegira catalogue the Georgian ½d of Coronation-Day. The 7d would be No. 1 of the pre-Hegira British stamps, and (working backwards) No. 272 (to be listed on page 1 of the "Red" Gibbons) would be the 1d, intense black, of 1840. The Hegira catalogue would begin with the Georgian Coronation halfpenny (die A) 1911, and end, for the present, with No. 37, £1, green, 1913.

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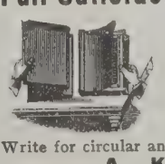
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ONCE AGAIN IN TROUBLE.

Here is a duplication of the incident recorded two weeks ago. We recently published T. H. Webb, Hanover, N. J., in connection with unsatisfactory business relations with a New York dealer. We now find that Mr. Webb has been off in Canada since last July and we therefore withdraw Mr. Webb's name and apologize to him for having given publicity to the matter.

Dealers will please bear in mind that in the future if they have complaints to make they must be made to an attorney or collection agency before they are given space in the WEEKLY. We don't like this apologizing business. Some day it might mean a law-suit.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Revenue Rush—Stories of spirited scenes attending the rush for stamps at the revenue offices at the large distributing points during the first week in December have been features of the newspapers. For instance in Chicago, the stock of revenue stamps was absorbed almost immediately and the police were summoned on several occasions to quell the clamoring crowds. As it was impossible for the first few days to supply the needs of many intending purchasers, it was necessary that permission was extended to defer stamping taxable papers and commodities until an ample stock of revenue issues was ready. We read that for a period of thirty days, payment of the tax may be made in cash, according to a certificate or affidavit covering items on which the tax has not been paid by stamps. We anticipate something in the way of provisionals in consequence of the temporary stamp famine. Last week, some uncertainty was expressed as to the proposed issue of the set of stamps for wines and cordials but this doubt had already been disspelled in the minds of readers by the statement of Mr. B. D. Forster in the paper of the preceding week that the set in question had appeared.

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Great Britain 1891, £1 green (No. 124) 2.75
Grenada 1888-9, 4d on 2s orange, mint (No. 32a) 2.00
Hong Kong, Postal Fiscal 1890, $2 gray green, mint (No. 205) 1.25
EUGENE KLEIN, 142 So. 15th Street, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Fiscal Permit—We have received from Mr. A. Roterberg, "DeLand's Playing Card Pattern," on which the rubber-stamped impression is found in two lines: "United States—Internal Revenue Tax Paid," and the following explanation, likewise stamped: "This certifies that there has been paid in the Treasury of the United States four cents, covering the tax on the original sheet of sixty cards from which these cards are made. Decision of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington. Manufactured and tax paid in the First District of Pennsylvania, U. S. A." This "pattern" has a window cut out the size of the ordinary playing card to serve as a guide in cutting out the playing cards which come in sheets, in connection with the "Hindu Card Mystery." Mr. Roterberg says: "By special dispensation this man got permission from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington to sell full sheets of sixty playing cards, uncut, the purchaser to cut them out by means of the accompanying pattern. The manufacturer pays a tax of four cents on each sheet. This will come under the same heading as the 'Permit' on mail, although in this case I assume that the impression would be called a 'Revenue Permit'."

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Internal Revenue Stamps—Many inquiries for the new revenue stamps are made at post offices and in consequence the Washington authorities have issued the following notice: "Internal revenue stamps are not furnished by the Post Office Department, and postmasters who intend to sell them should apply to the nearest collector of internal revenue for the stamps and for any information relative to the matter."

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Down on the Farm—Direct from Mineakoning Farm, R. D., No. 1, Flemington, New Jersey, that worthy yeoman, Mr. H. E. Deats, sends a word of cheer as follows: "I will send you a list of Upham's Confederate States of America stamp fac-similes in a few days. Too busy out-doors yet to work at the desk by day-light." Denizens of steam-heated apartments in the cities who are not wholly satisfied with prevailing conditions and consequently are contemplating the change to the easy and profitable life of the bucolic gent may take warning hereby that the lot of the agriculturist is not all beer and skittles.

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Fanciful Creations—The remarks upon the product of Mr. Upham in the paper of November 28th have evoked some answers. For instance, Miss Amy L. Swift, Whitman, Mass., has sent for inspection a lot of no fewer than fifty specimens of forgeries and bogus productions with the information: "They came to me from an old collection of a cousin who gathered them some time during or shortly after the war. From the little that he can remember, they were bought certainly before 1868, from New York and Philadelphia firms, and 'didn't cost much,' but he always supposed that they were remainders found in offices after the war had closed, once good for postage but afterwards good merely for souvenirs." We can readily believe that these labels which include a number of fancy varieties of the locals, some of which are not so well known as others, made an early visitation for we find in the first edition of Gray's catalogue, London, 1862, the notation, under Confederate States of America: "There are some stamps in circulation among the French dealers which they profess to belong to the Confederate States but the imitators seem never to have seen the original stamps." We may add that in the list of general issues in this catalogue are a one cent, portrait of Colquhoun, (for Calhoun, probably) and ten cent General Beauregard, in "red or blue ink." In the 1866 edition of Gray, in a list of Confederate locals, "copied almost verbatim from Kline's Manual Guide," we find the fictitious "Florida Express" and a host of alleged Richmond issues, although an annotation practically repudiates the Richmond labels. We know that in 1868, vide Trifet's *American Stamp Mercury* of that year, a packet of fac-similes of the Confederate locals was advertised by F. Trifet and Company of Boston and that for many years afterwards labels of the kind were regarded as trade staples by some of the dealers and openly advertised on the specious pretext that inasmuch as the originals were so valuable, it was advisable to fill the empty spaces with fac-similes.

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Shut-in Names—Last year we conducted a campaign for the benefit of the philatelic "shut-ins" that was abundantly successful; in fact, so much time was necessarily given to it that routine duties were neglected. For several reasons this year our operations will be curtailed in extent but to those of our readers who have written for the names of deserving "shut-ins" we say that we shall be glad to forward them names of afflicted collectors that are sent us in good faith. We have some stamp packets already on hand for distribution.

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French-Belgian Union—From Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son, London, England, we have received a registered envelope bearing three of the current set of Belgium "with the extra-territorial cancellation of the special post office at Havre." The Belgian stamps mailed in France under special privilege cetrainly mark an interesting historical phase of the great conflict.

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Out With Them—Some years ago, in speaking of a sample sheet of United States envelopes illustrating the sizes and colors of the current envelopes that the department distributed to encourage the use of stamped envelopes, we mentioned the possibility that in the future some of these stamped impressions might come on the market to puzzle uninformed collectors, after the envelopes had been "cut square." We regret to have to say that the envelopes on wove paper, only surface-colored, in question have been offered as government imitations from the original die. These hybrids should have no place in general philatelic circulation.

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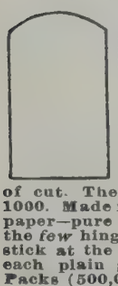
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By A Buyer.

Seein' as how I used to be a boy, I have been scouring over Bill's articles to the youngsters, and I want to have a little word with you and Bill and the world of boy collectors at large about this "dealer" business.

I suppose a buyer with no "dealer" desires for himself, ought to be a good critic. Anyhow, I'm going to start out on that basis, and if I'm not a good critic, I'm going to hit some things that Bill skipped.

All that good advice about aims and ideals, Honesty and perserverance would fit most any youth starting out in most any business. The thing that Bill forgot is that almost anybody, and easiest of all a person in the habit of being alone and working alone, can become self hypnotized on one topic, and that in that condition his sense and better judgment invariably gets set aside till the dream is busted.

I'm not setting out to be a wet blanket. We must have dealers, and as time goes on the younger ones become dealers of standing and experience, but the test that makes or breaks the beginner is *stamp knowledge* and funds. Perhaps a few who have tried, would say funds and stamp knowledge. I know the cash end of it is a big factor, but the knowledge part is just as important, and if you who read could go back with me over years of buying, you would admit that there are a lot of dealers who are fixed a lot better with funds than with stamp knowledge. It is these gentlemen that, either from luck or because of the employing of a clerk that has what they lack, are prone to come out with a thesis about the 69 varieties of U. S. heretofore unlisted by ex-authority J. N. L. or who write somebody's book over and put it out for their own little business. It was one of these gentlemen that told me that the gum remaining on a rarity that I had taken off a torn cover has been "put on by hand" and refused to believe that either my boy or myself could tell the truth. It was one of this class that passed a "premier gravure" at a recent sale and instantly offered one-fourth catalogue for it when he got wise.

Believe me, Bill, the mistakes that "reglar" dealers with more money than brains make would fill an awful big book. And moreover, if half these men had to begin over again, they would not land. Today's amateur is better read than he was fifteen years ago, and he is a lot wiser. Likewise he is wise to his own shortcomings in a measure, but when you tickle his fancy and suggest to him that he become a dealer, he loses his head and falls for a lot of bunk because he is flattered.

It seems that the sentences of Bill's first paragraph up to the last one, I fairly agree with, but I want to say right here that:—given funds, the right managing clerk (who knows stamps) a little gall and the modicum of business ability sufficient to make any business move, and a man who knows nothing of stamps and collectors can run a stamp business and make good. There are such.

The wise guys that blow around with a bag full of plunder that they are selling on commission, or perhaps own, are far more worthy the name of dealer than such a one.

Right here I would remark that a careful culling over of the men in the trade would assure Bill that the ones that write the valuable monographs, the ones that pass on the questionable stamp that you send to be expertized, the ones that do the mounting and plating and bear the laboring oar of the stamp trade, are employees.

The guy you meet in the office with the "presence" and all that is the boss. The man that *knows* is in the back office. You think that over.

The combination of owner, manager, expert, and clerk won't work out well. The good clerks are the ones that have learned the business and paid for their experience with their own money.

Most of them *know* because they have discovered that a one man firm is a weak one. I could point out several men in the trade outside of the managers who are working for someone else out of preference, more from necessity and more still because they found that their stamp knowledge was not business knowledge.

I won't fight with Bill over his directions about buying, either for the amateur dealer or the dealing amateur, but I will say here that the vital thing for either is to remember that buying for an "investment" means tying up money that may be needed later, and buying what is needed or what is ordered keeps the bank balance healthy.

But to the would-be dealer I think Bill should have said, "Be sure you know enough about stamps to be a dealer, and be sure that you know enough about business to be your own boss."

DREW'S AUCTION SALES.

Our old advertising patron, the firm of B. L. Drew & Co., naturally feels somewhat aggrieved at a mistake which occurred in their advertisement in our issue f November 28. After describing in proper terms the desire of the firm to reach those who intend to sell at auction the type was made to read "Our reliability can be clearly established and our best references are those who have used our ice for boys and beginners: perf. gauges 10c, touch with us."

This is really a most unusual statement and one which the proprietor, Mr. Drew, feels does not do him any credit. The excuse for its appearance may be found in the close proximity of the "ice" line of type as found in the adjoining column.

Anyone who visits the Drew office will witness the fact that the proprietor does not deal in ice and the "Browsery" as it is known has a philatelic flavor of a marked degree. To make amends for this mistake in this advertisement we advise our readers to look up the issue of Nov. 28 and see what is possible in the printshop in connection with amusing typographical errors. When one considers the thousand and one possibilities for mistakes each week we feel that Mr. Jewett, our printer, is giving us a remarkably able service.

CONFEDERATE "DOUBLE TRANSFER."

By Jas. Lewis Howe.

I have recently come into possession of a pair of Confederate 10 cent reds, one of which is an excellent specimen of a "double transfer." I think this is the first time a double transfer has been recorded for any of the three lithographed stamps of the Confederacy, tho Mr. Klemann writes me that he has a duplicate of this stamp, on cover. Close comparison showed the stamps to be identical. In this stamp all the horizontal lines are doubled and the others spread, up and down.

As there is no double transfer in known sheets of the 10 cent *blue*, it seems clear that at least two lithographic stones were used for this stamp, and that *some* of the red stamps were printed from a different stone from that used for *some* of the blues.

A photograph of the lower half of the sheet of blues with the Augusta, Ga., imprint shows no double transfer, but of course there might have been such on the other half. It would be interesting to know if any instance of a double transfer exists in the blue stamp.

Dutch Indies 1912-1914

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3c yellow, No. 106	.02
4c ultramarine, No. 107	.03
5c rose, No. 108	.03
7½c drab, No. 109	.05
10c rose, No. 110	.06
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A DEFENSE(?) OF MISSION STAMPS.

By C. C. S.

I notice in No. 1247, remarks that might be construed as advice against the purchase of mission stamps by the pound. To counteract these remarks as much as possible I should like to submit the following arguments in favor of such stamps.

First, there is the "business as usual" argument. Their sale is a recognized institution and should be supported whether good or bad. Otherwise what would become of them?

Second, there is the satisfaction of one's natural gambling instincts that may be innocently derived from such purchases, even on Sunday. I once found a good stamp, catalogued at 8c, in a three pound lot. And I have frequently seen stamps catalogued as high as 3c in one pound lots.

Third, there is the fact that the possession of, say, a three pound lot will keep one busy sorting and expecting in all his spare time for years, and so keep him from much more costly diversions.

In speaking in favor of Mission Stamps, I wish to make it clear that I have no ulterior motives. I am only an ordinary collector, with nothing to sell; but I have at various times bought three lots of Mission Stamps, and I couldn't part with them for a good deal. I couldn't even give them away. I have tried.

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—We are indebted to B. D. Foster, the Wray Stamp Co., Joseph C. Zanini, and others for specimens of the new United States revenues, made necessary by the failure of the tariff legislation to provide sufficient revenue for the support of the Government. These stamps are now on sale at all internal revenue offices, and became obligatory on Dec. 1. There are three separate issues, though all are labelled "Series of 1914,"—"Proprietary," "Documentary" and "Cordials, Wines, Etc." The proprietary stamps are a horizontal oblong, while the others are upright. The salient feature of each design is the large colorless figure of value in the central circle, with "Cent" just below. The Documentary stamps have the value in words inserted between the figure of value and the word "Cent." Briefly described, the designs are as follows:

Proprietary—Horizontal oblong; colorless figure of value in circle, with horizontal lined background; "United States Internal Revenue—Series of 1914" in a circle; "Proprietary" in straight line at top and "Cent" at bottom, with the balance of the space filled with lathework.

Documentary—Upright oblong; colorless figure in circle; on a background of lathework; "United States Internal Revenue" in band around centre; "Documentary" in curved line at top, and in tablet at bottom, "Series of 1914—One Half—Cent."

The Documentary stamps of $1 to $50 face value have the head of Liberty as the principal feature of the design. The three higher values will resemble the same denomination in the 1898 issue but will be printed in single colors instead of having the head in black. The portraits will be: $100, Washington; $500, Hamilton; $1,000, Madison.

Cordials, Wines, Etc.—Upright oblong; colorless figure in centre, with background of crossed lines; "Series of 1914" in central circle without dividing line; in surrounding band, "Cordials, Wines, Etc.;" band cut away at bottom so that central circle and lower tablet run together; in latter, "Cent—United States—Internal Revenue."

All designs have a thin line of color and a thin colorless line running completely around the stamp. All inscriptions and figures are colorless. The stamps were evidently printed in haste, as colors vary greatly, the Documentary stamps from pink to carmine, or rose carmine, possibly the experts will say, and the Cordials from pale green to gray green. The values have already been printed in the WEEKLY.

Joseph C. Zanini reports having seen the 25c, 50c, $1 and $2 beer stamps, surcharged "Emergency Tax, under Act of 1914," in black, except the $2, which is in yellow.

W. E. Marsh reports the current 5c stamp perforated 10.

Howard C. Buttermore reports the following stamps, perforated 10: 7c black plate No. 6919; 10c special delivery plate No. 5863.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us three values of the current English stamps, overprinted "Bechuanaland—Protectorate," like Scott's No. 83. This issue was announced in No. 1232, the 1d being already in the Catalogue. The current ½d Post Card of Great Britain has been overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" in one line.

Adhesives.
½d green.
2d orange.
2½d ultramarine.
Post Card.
½d green.

BRITISH NYASALAND.—*Ewen's Weekly* announces the issue of a 4d Registration envelope, King George type.
Registration Envelope.
4d dark blue.

CANADA.—Mrs. Louise W. Kellogg shows a plainly marked double impression of the 6c red brown of 1882-90. These double impressions are not unknown to specialists, though not catalogued. Probably due to some imperfection of printing.

EPIRUS.—*Ewen's Weekly* quotes the *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* as follows: "A very short currency was the fate of the Epirot series. Already since Aug. 28, it has been superseded by a new set printed by Messrs. Aspiotis frères of Corfu. These stamps look very original and represent a white cross on blue ground upon which is placed a double-headed eagle. 'Autonomous Epirus' is the wording of the two sides of the stamps. The value in figures and words appears at the foot of the stamp.

Bi-coloured stamps, perforation zig-zag.
1 lepton, brown and light blue.
5 lepta, green and light blue.
10 lepta, red and light blue.
25 lepta, dark blue and light blue.
50 lepta, violet and light blue.
1dr red and light blue.

After the Epirots had taken Koritza, a place belonging to Albania, provisional stamps of the 1 lepton, 5 and 25 lepta values were issued. These provisionals have a likeness with the previous "Chimarra" issue of very primitive, hand-stamped execution, and are with the latter inasmuch in relative connection as the compositor of the Chimarra stamps must have been used for this issue. In both issues are found the same peculiarity by the figure 1: the upline being reversed.

It is not known how many of these provisionals were actually issued, but they were sold at the Post Office above face value, the proceeds will be used for the benefit of the poor.

Unicoloured issue, hand-stamped, white paper punctured with sewing-machine.

Provisionals.
1 lepton, black on white.
5 lepta, black on white.
25 lepta, black on white.

FRANCE.—*Ewen's Weekly* quotes the *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* to the effect that the French Postal Administration intends to issue special stamps of the 1 to 25c denominations for franking newspapers and printed matter. These stamps like the Belgian 1 and 2c will be supplied precancelled, and only in large quantities to newspaper circulators, publishers, and such firms who have a large dispatch of printed matter.

Offices in Morocco.—Ewen's Weekly reports a variety of the Red Cross stamp recently chronicled. The red cross overprint is done in blocks of 25, and the seventh stamp has the "c" after "5" omitted. All the crosses vary slightly in type.

GERMAN NEW GUINEA.—The *Daily Express* says: It is reported that the entire supply of Deutsch Neu Guinea postage stamps in the familiar ship design of the German Colonies, on hand at the post office at Raboul, has been converted for use under the British administration by overprinting them with the cipher "G. R. I."

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Morocco Agencies.*—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 2sh 6d stamp overprinted, without new value, as noted in No. 1248.

HAYTI.—A. W. Dunning reports having seen used copies of the following stamps of Hayti with the recent "Gl. O. Z." surcharge; Scott's Nos. 26, 38, 52, 57, 64, 65, 66, 96, 97, 109, 138, 149, 155, 140 and 210.

HONDURAS.—Hermann Focke sends us a cover, with the 5c carmine, steamer type, overprinted "Oficial," and also the new 2c brown of the current lithographed set with the same overprint. This is the first stamp of the series to receive this overprint. Apparently, none of the 1913 set has hitherto been used for official service, the 1911 steamer type coming forward until now.

Official Adhesive.
2c brown; black overprint.

HUNGARY.—We are indebted to Conrad L. Friberg for information regarding the surcharged Red Cross stamps noted in Whitfield King & Co.'s notes last week.

MEXICO.—W. J. Stanton informs us of a new "E. S." surcharge now used in the state of Sonora. The surcharge is made with a rubber stamp in purple ink and consists of the two letters in script form in the form of a monogram. The only copies Mr. Stanton has seen are the 1899 3c brown and the 1910 5c. It seems possible just now to obtain most any kind of a stamp with most any kind of a surcharge and perforated or rouletted in any old way.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—It is reported from abroad that Newfoundland is to make a contribution to the National Relief Fund, in the form of a special 2c stamp, which is to be sold for 25 cents.

SONORA.—The California Stamp Co. has shown us another value in the new type set Sonora series; also a new color for the 5c recently chronicled.

Adhesives.
5c black, green and orange.
10c black, red and blue.

TOGO.—According to *Ewen's Weekly*, there has been two distinct issues of the ship type stamps overprinted "Togo—Anglo-French—Occupation," the stamps mentioned in the excerpt from *Stamp Collecting* last week being the second issue. The first issue had the value in English money in addition, ½d on the 3pf and 1d on the 5pf. Presumably, the 5pf was used for ½d, when no new value was expressed.

TURKEY.—The London *Daily Express* says: From Turkey there came to hand by the last mail three values of a new provisional issue, overprinted with two lines of Arabic characters, upon the current pictorial stamps, issued early in the year. The significance of the new inscription has not yet been ascertained, but in all probability it has reference to the closing of the foreign post offices and the achievement of postal independence by Turkey on October 1st. The values seen are 20 paras rose, 1 piastre blue, and 2 piastres green and black, but others doubtless exist.

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BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 12, 1914.

The 326th (regular) meeting of the Society will be held at the Club Room on Tuesday evening, December 15th, at 7.30 o'clock.

There will be appropriate Christmas entertainment provided by the Committee as in previous years, and all who can attend will be sure of a good time. Come and bring any friend who is eligible.

The application of Mr. Arthur Abbott will be acted upon.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The assembly for supper at 6 o'clock by those who remain in town for the meeting was so successful last month that it will be repeated next Tuesday at the Hotel Dreyfus, Beach Street, near Washington St.

Remember Tuesday, December 15, at 6 o'clock.

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 17, 1914.

The 324th (regular) meeting of the Society was held at the Club Room this evening with Pres. Barry in the chair and 41 members and friends present.

Mr. Brown reported that a few envelopes had been presented for the Society Collection.

The Library Committee presented the following:

LIBRARY REPORT, JULY-NOV. 1914.

Added by purchase:—Gebruder Senf's Postage Stamp Catalog, Adhesives, 1915, and Entires, 1914. By donation:—90 odd numbers of magazines from A. W. Dunning, 71 ditto from F. H. Burt, 32 ditto from T. W. Barry; year's subscription to "The Blue Book" from A. W. Dunning; and the current numbers of the following magazines generously contributed by the publishers: "Gibbon's Monthly," MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, "Stamp Journal," "Postage Stamp," "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain," "Collectors' Monthly," "Collectors' Journal" and "Mitteilungen des Oberelsassischen Philatelisten Clubs."

Mr. Freeman Putney, Jr., was elected as member No. 598.

The name of Mr. Arthur Abbott was proposed for membership.

Mr. C. A. Howes gave a talk on Nova Scotia, illustrated by a collection of very fine copies unused, on cover and in blocks, loaned by the New England Stamp Co., as the specialized collection of this country which it was hoped to exhibit was not available. Some new points in the philatelic history of Nova Scotia were presented as Mr. Howes has recently been making a special study of this country.

The informal auction for the benefit of the Society Collection realized the neat sum of $19.72 which will enable the Curator to add materially along certain lines. Any donations should be addressed to Mr. A. P. Brown, 17 Alpha Road, Dorchester Center, Mass.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

The Postal Card Society of America.

S. SCHACHNE, Pres.; W. C. STONE, Vice Pres.; S. M. EDWARDS, Sec., Argusville, N. D.; J. N. MORSE, Treas.; Ex. Com., Pres. and Vice Pres. ex-officio, H. E. CARPENTER, J. H. FOUNTAIN, G. W. HARTWELL.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The secretary hereby calls for nominees for officers for the next year. Let us hear from all. While at it send in an application for membership.

Change of address—Mrs. Caroline L. Gardner, to 2111 Baker St., same city.

For the benefit of new members I will state that for five years beginning March, 1894, (56 numbers) the society published the reports of the different departments, new issues, matters relating to postal and letter cards, etc., in the "Monthly Bulletin of the Postal Card Society of America." These monthly issues contained a great deal of interest to the members. They are interesting to peruse after a lapse of twenty years. There were many numbers remaining after members were supplied and sample copies sent out. The secretary has arranged these remainders in sets as far as they go. None are complete. The most complete contain upward of forty-five numbers. These sets are for sale at 50 cents, each, post paid. The first come will get the largest sets. Remit in post office money order with next year's dues, or if that is already paid, then in stamps.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.,
ARGUSVILLE, N. D., Nov. 30, 1914.

WRITING AN ADVERTISEMENT.

It cannot be expected that the mere insertion of an advertisement in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY will overwhelm any dealer with business. An advertisement must be well written, offer desirable stamps and at prices that compel attention.

Recently an advertiser in submitting copy for a small advertisement offering approval selections at 50% discount asked us how many replies he might expect to receive. We could not give him much satisfaction.

Subscribers to the WEEKLY are no different from subscribers to other publications in that they are looking for things that they need, and they want them at as reasonable prices as they can be secured. Make it easy for a collector to answer your adv. and remember that definite offers of stamps at reasonable prices will secure patronage.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

Southern Stamp Co.

P. O. Box 644, NORFOLK, VA.

Superb Confederate Blocks.	Cat.	Price
10c light blue, No. 211b, mint blk. of 100, plate No. 3, with imprint Keatinge & Ball Bank Note Engravers, Columbia, S. C....	10.00	8.25
10c greenish blue, No. 210c, mint blk. 4	1.00	.75
Mint horizontal prs. of same....	.50	.35
10c blue, No. 211c, mint blk. of 6	.60	.50
Same in mint blks. of 4	.40	.35
12c Post Office, No. 351, mint blk. 4	4.00	2.85

Guaranteed to please or your money back.
Match and Medicine our specialty.

GET THESE NOW.

*Cayman Is. K. G., 4d mint, No. 38....	.12
Austria Levant 1908, 10pia No. 1053 fine	.14
1908, 20pia, No. 1054, fine	.27
China 1913, "Junk" ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 10c...	.65
1913 "Temple" $1.00, No. 191, fine	.15
500 diff. stamps, a fine packet, Try it	.65

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GIFTS

100 different U. S. stamps .....S	.12
100 different U. S., postage stamps only	.35
100 different U. S., revenue stamps only	2.15
2c black, 5c brown, 24c grey, U.S. 1862	.80
2c verm., 5c blue, hard paper, U.S.1875	.06
1895, U.S., 1c to 50c, inclusive, 12 var.	.25
1902-03, U.S., 1c to $1.00, incl. imperfs.	.58

S. & H. STAMP CO., Rome, N. Y.

See Stiles' Adv. on page 435.

What Books Do You Need?

Price given is post free. Any book except the Address Book, Goodwin's U. S. or Scott Catalog given as a premium for yearly name never before on our mail list.

A PENNY ALL THE WAY—Story of Penny Postage by Fred. J. Melville. Price 10c.
ADDRESS BOOK—1914, Stamp dealers, collectors, papers, catalogues and societies of the world. Price $1.
CONFED. STATES—By Melville. Price 20c.
COOK ISLANDS—By Poole. Price 25c.
GRENADA—By Alex. J. Sefi. Price 20c.
GT. BRITAIN—By D. B. Armstrong. King Edward stamps written up. Price 20c.
HOLLAND—By Melville. Price 20c.
HOW TO DEAL IN STAMPS—Price 10c.
NEVIS—By F. J. Melville. Price 20c.
PORTUGAL—By F. J. Melville. Cameo issues. Full paged plates. Price 20c.
PORTUGAL—Same author. Later issues including "Republica." Price 20c.
SCOTT'S 1915 CATALOG—Cloth $1.00, Paper covers 85c, post free.
SOUDAN—By D. B. Armstrong. Price 20c.
ST. HELENA—By Melville. Price 20c.
STAMP COLLECTORS GUIDE—By B. W. H. Poole. Price 25c.
SYNOPTIC KEY—U. S. Envelope stamps illus. by plate of 70 figures and color strip of env. paper. By A. N. Caudell. Price 50c.
TONGA—By Melville. Price 20c.
U. S. STAMPS—By F. E. Goodwin. Price 50c.
UNITED STATES STATE REVENUES—By B. C. Kenyon. Illus. Price 10c.
WHAT PHILATELY TEACHES—By John N. Luff. All that its name implies. Price 25c.
ZULULAND—By B. W. H. Poole. Price 20c.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Boston, Mass.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, 1913

Wmkd. Deer's Head

½p, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6p..... .15
1sh .10; 2sh 6p ..... .35

TURKEY 1914

2, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 20pa, 1 and 2pi.. .25

AUSTRIA 1900

1, 2 and 4k ..... .12

"Vest Pocket Auction"

of 50 "USUALLY MISSING"

Bids received until Jan. 1, 1915.

* Indicates Unused.

Cat. No.	Condition.	Cat. Val.
242	United States $2.....Fine	3.00
551	" *12c O. G.....Superb	1.00
1037	" *36c O. G. .....Superb	3.00
1054	" *24c O. G.....Superb	1.50
1056	" *48c O. G.....Superb	4.00
2	Antigua, 1p .....Fair	1.25
3	" 1p .....Fair	1.25
103	Argentine, *1p O. G..Superb	2.50
369	Austria, 10k .....Fine	1.25
5	Bahamas, 1p.Heavily Can'd	7.50
19	Bavaria, 12kr .....Fair	1.50
6	Bechuanaland, *1p O.G.Sup.	1.00
38	Canada, *5c O. G.....Fine	1.00
44a	" *6c O. G....Thin spot	8.50
23	Ceylon, 1sh .....Fair	2.50
51	Costa Rica, *1 col O. G. .....Superb	1.00
221	" *10c O. G.....Superb	1.00
439	" 5c .....Fine	1.00
440	" 10c .....Fine	.75
42	Cyprus 4pi .....Fine	2.50
27	Denmark, *5o O. G. Superb	.60
608a	Ecuador, *1c .....Fine	?
615	Egypt, *5pi O. G....Superb	1.00
43	Finland, *1M O. G...Superb	.75
35	France, *80c .....Creased	2.00
9	N.German Pos.Dis.*3kr Fine	4.00
20	Gold Coast, 2sh.....Fine	1.25
65	G. Britain, 1sh .....Fine	.50
108	" 5sh .....Fine	.60
109	" 10sh .....Fine	1.50
107	Grenada, 2p on 6p ....Fine	1.50
5	Hanover, 1-15th...Thin spot	1.50
50	Hawaii, 2c .....Fine	.50
1	Iceland, *2s O. G....Superb	3.25
3	" *8s O. G. .....Superb	1.50
5	" *3s O. G. .....Superb	1.50
7	" *16s O. G. .....Superb	1.25
13	" *20a O. G. .....Superb	1.00
31	" 25a .....Fine	.50
68	" *100a O. G. ....Superb	2.00
152	" *8s O. G. .....Superb	5.00
29	Jamaica, 2sh .....Fine	1.25
196	Mexico, *2c O. G....Superb	2.00
36	Nevis, 1p .....Fair	2.50
101	Russia, *1r O. G. ..Superb	1.50
102	" *2r O. G. .....Superb	3.00
301a	Uruguay, *1c .....Superb	2.50
312	" *1c .....Fine	3.50
328a	" *2c O. G. .....Fine	4.00
44	Wurtemberg, 7kr .....Fine	2.00

End of Sale, HAPPY NEW YEAR.

BRAINY BUYER'S BARGAINS

500 mixed foreign	.07
50 different Canada	.50
Denmark 1907 News 8 different..	.12
Brazil 1908, 100r red	.04
1909, 200r blue	.05
Italy 1903 Special Delivery	.02
Guatemala 1911, 25c unused	.05
1902, 50c brown and blue	.03
1902, 1p brown and black	.09
1882, 2c unused	.04
1882, 20c unused	.05
1913, 12½c unused	.05
Gt. Britain 1887, 1sh green	.03
1901, 1sh carmine and green..	.03
1913, 1sh bistre	.03
1862, 1p lilac unused (211)....	.16
Sweden Official, 20 different	.20
Iceland 10 different	.25

M. D. OLMSTEAD

P. O. BOX 3, CONCORD, N. H.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Anyone interested in antiquated paper money will do well to communicate with Luther B. Tuthill, South Creek, N. C. Price list No. 26 is just at hand.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Morril B. Spaulding.

—The *Stamp Journal* describes a variety of the 2c 1893 Columbian. The hat on the person standing third from the left has an indentation giving the appearance of a cocked hat. It is said that about one copy in every thirty-five shows the variety.

—"In checking up the series of ads that I have been running recently in your paper along with several other papers I take pleasure in saying that your paper puts the balance in the shade. I get more good applicants from your paper than all the rest combined and as soon as I can arrange to devote more time to stamp business I shall come in for display space."—H. W. LITTEN.

—Time is the great equalizer. A European stamp tax led to an American war, and now a European war leads to an American stamp tax.—*Clipping.*

—H. Cormack, the well known South and Central American stamp dealer, is reported seriously ill at his home in Port Ewen, N. Y.

SPITZBERGEN'S MAIL.

One of the steamship companies of Norway has contracted to make six trips a year to Spitzbergen, beginning with next spring. The vessel will be equipped with wireless and will carry passengers, freight and mail.—Chicago *Daily News.*

OUR NEXT SALE

Will Take Place Monday, January 25th, 1915

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Formerly EUGENE KLEIN INCORPORATED

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PHILATELIC PRODUCTS OF THE WAR.

In our issue of Nov. 28 we chronicled the stamps of the German colony of Togoland as having been overprinted with an "Anglo-French Occupation" surcharge. It was stated that the set showed no overprint of value in English, but a set submitted by W. T. Wilson shows the 3pf brown and the 5pf green to be surcharged "Half penny" and "One penny", while the 20, 25 and 30pf have no values in English money.

Mr. Wilson also submits a very interesting cover with 1d King George Gold Coast postmarked "Lome-Togogebiet." The stamps of the Gold Coast were put into temporary use immediately after the British occupation and it is curious to note the German postmark on the British Colonial stamp.

MONEY ORDERS FOR MEXICO.

The Postmaster General having directed the discontinuance on the 23d instant of the United States Mail Agency at Vera Cruz, Mexico, postmasters, until otherwise instructed, will decline to receive applications for money orders payable in Vera Cruz. They should, however, continue to pay orders correctly drawn on them by the United States Mail Agent at that place and claim credit therefor in the usual manner.

The Postal Administration of Mexico having, on October 26th, announced the suspension of money-order business with the United States, postmasters are warned against paying money orders issued or purporting to have been issued after the date mentioned at any post office in that country.—A. M. DOCKERY, 3d Asst. P. M. G.

THE HINGE

A Journal that Sticks to The Hobby.

Edited by Josiah Slicer Haight.

Vol. I This Month, Same Year. No. 3

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Hinge carries more advertisements than any other all wind stamp journal in Tuckahoe. Our rate of $1.00 per inch is very low considering our enormous circulation. All advertisements are payable one week in advance.

POLITICS IN TUCKAHOE.

Absolm Greg the temperance advocate, professed and avowed, moreover, who is a candidate on the prohibition ticket, caused some comment in our village when it was stated that three kegs of beer were delivered at his home yesterday evening. We have just received the following letter from Mr. Greg:

Editor of the Hinge.

Dear Sir: It is true that three kegs of beer were delivered at my house yesterday. I am collecting beer stamps and I bought those kegs of beer to get the stamps. That is all.

Absolm Greg.

We called Mr. Greg up by phone and offered to have the Hinge stick by him through out the campaign, in return for one of those kegs and contents. A voice replied, "I positively refuse to be interviewed." We have shed what little light we could upon this matter, and we exercise our editorial prerogative and say nothing further.

SILAS SAYS

"Be Gosh! If that 'ere Mex revolution ai'nt like the exemier, jes' 'bout time yere got her soothed over an' cured, out she breaks again. I kin stand if they ken. I'll jes add onter my album a few more flappers an' keep up my watchful waitin' policy fer more Sonorie dope. By Heck!"

THE POOR KING.

Mike: Do you know why the German Emperor is the poorest man in Europe?

Ike: Sure, I don't know.

Mike: He felt in his right pocket for some money, and discovered he had lost a New Guinea, and searching his other pocket he found he had lost some more.

MAY NOT RECOVER.

Dr. Bonehead holds very little hope for the recovery of Ben Zinne who was shot by one of our staff just above the Court House, wounding him seriously as the doctors statement bears out. The trouble started when Ben made the remark that the Hinge was a journal with a backbone of gum arabic.

ADVERTISEMENT.

Lady philatelist of refinement, desires to correspond with gentleman stamp collector who possesses a copy of the 2c Pan-American inverted centre. Object matrimony. No objection to bald headed philatelist. Address: Miss Rose Carmine, 23 Skidoo St., Tuckahoe.

PHILATELY OUT WEST IN 1851.

"Halt" rang out the voice of Water Mark Pete as the Bullion Gulch stage coach came in view. "Throw out the mail pouch and drive on," commanded the road agent. The veteran driver taken by surprise and looking into the muzzle of a dangerous looking weapon could not do otherwise than to obey. When the sack hit the ground the desperado cut it open and hastily but carefully examined the mail. Then with a look of disgust threw the mail to one side and exclaimed: "Foiled again, not a 90c blue to complete my set," and slunk away in the underbrush.

—*Collectors' Monthly.*

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2sh	1.50
2sh 6p.....	.90
5sh	1.75
1902-03, 2sh	1.50
1904-06, 10sh	3.20
Victoria 1901, 2sh	1.25
Western Australia 1902, 10sh	3.20
1 pound	6.25

All fine mint copies.

H. W. DOSCHER & CO.,

217 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.

See Stiles' Adv. on page 435.

OUR PREMIUM OFFERS

If your name has never been on our mailing list or you can get a name new to our mailing list you may have one of the following premiums.

10 weeks 10c and Your Choice

Leaflet describing and illus. U. S. env.1853-1910
Packet of 50 different U. S. Stamps.
Hayti 1904, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.....catalog .50
***Panama**, No. 79, 10c yellow..... " .20
Denmark 1907, 1o to 1k, 8 var., "Avisporto"
Philippines, 3 Aguinaldos, cat. 61c, also 2 tel.

6 Mos. 25c and Your Choice

Asiatic packet, 50 all different.
Animal packet 20 all different, some unused.
New Zealand, 20 all different.
Canada 25 all different, many issues.
Persia set, 20 all different.
***Seychelles** 1892, 3 on 4c..... catalog .18
Chile '92, 15c, 25c, 1p..... " .20
***Col. Repub.** (Medellin) '02, 10c, 20c, 50c " .27
Guatemala '02, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10c..... " .13
Toppan's great book on U. S. Stamps
Japan 1908, 5 yen green.
Tunis 1906, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35c..... " .19
***Costa Rica** '89, 1c to 1p..... " .27
***Hayti** '98, Unp. 2, 5, 10c..... " .22
1896, 1, 3, 5, 7, 20c palms..... " .23
205 all different foreign stamps.
105 " " U. S. Stamps.
***Arequipa** '81, 10c No. 7)..... " .35
***Salvador** '97, 1c, 5c four colors..... " .18
* " '93, 2p, 5p..... " .24
Nice Stamp Album holds 546 stamps.
***Nicaragua** '69, 5c black..... " .75
***Honduras** '78-'89, 1c, ½r, 1r, 2r, 1p.. " .29
Siam 1910, 2 to 28 satangs..... " .36
No. Borneo 1909, 1 to 6c picture stamps.

1 Year 50c and Your Choice

Any one of the Melville, Poole or Armstrong Books advertised by us.
300 all diff. foreign. A nice collection.
***Antigua** 1882, 1p, 1886, 2½p, 4p..... catalog .57
***St. Christopher** 1882, ½, 1, 4p..... " .38
Paraguay set of 15 different stamps.
France, 50 different, nice collection.
***Bolivar** 1879, 5c imperf. pair..... .50
Labuan '97, 1c to 24c, 9 var..... " .77
***Salvador** 1911 Oficial, Nos. 793-800.. " .89
Two Thousand Peelable Stamp Hinges.

Please Note.—When you have had the WEEKLY ten weeks, six months, or a year, don't try to pull a premium when you send a renewal. Our premiums are intended to get new names for our mailing list and if your name has ever been on our mailing list, these offers are not for you!

Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Co., Boston, Mass.

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7 Persia	04	40 Japan	05	10 Luxenburg	06
15 Chili	07	100 U. S.	20	10 Newfoundl'd	09
17 Mexico	09	10 Brazil	05	19 Wurtemburg	06
20 Africa	06	8 Iceland	05	5 Zanzibar	15
20 Asia	04	15 Swiss	04	10 Indo-China	15
10 Capes	04	10 Bolivia	07	100 Australia	65
6 China	05	4 St. Lucia	07	100 Br. Colonies	19
10 Tunis	09	1000 Foreign	1.99	50 French "	25
25 China	30	200 Foreign	10	1000 Mixed	13
50 Italy	19	300 Foreign	25	1000 Hinges	05
5 Cyprus	05	10 Ecuador	07	100 S. America	40
8 Hawaii	19	4 Borneo	10	10 Gold Coast	20
10 Crete	15	10 Peru	04	10 Nicaragua	06
10 Turkey	08	6 Fiji	15	20 New Zealand	10
20 "	07	5 Malta	06	10 Salvador	10
50 "	45	20 Russia	10	50 Australia	09
10 Chili	08	50 Spain	11	10 Queensland	05
4 Congo	05	4 Hayti	05	10 Roumania	05
30 Persia	39	4 Azores	05	25 Bulgaria	19
50 Persia	89	6 Macao	08	25 West Indies	15
10 Cuba	05	50 U.S.	08	50 Canada, 1898	05
50 "	49	500 Foreign	59	6 Mauritius	04

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½ penny green	$ .02
1 penny red	.03
2 pence slate	.06
2½ pence blue	.07
3 pence violet on yellow, w. b.	.15
4 pence red and black on yellow, w. b.	.20
6 pence violet	.16
1 shilling black on green, w. b.	.40
2sh 6p red and black	.75
5sh green and yellow, w. b.	2.00
10sh red and green on blue, w. b.	4.00
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A STANDARD DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION FOR UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS.

By H. L. WILEY.

(Continued from page 386.)

The Issue of 1908.

Included in this issue are the stamps on the double lined watermark and those on the single line watermark. These two varieties are designated by the numerals "1" for the double line paper and "2" for the single line paper set immediately following the decimal point. The bluish paper is made a secondary variety of the paper having the double line watermark. Of the secondary varieties are the imperforate stamps, the stamps issued in coils, the stamps issued in booklets, the stamps having machine perforations and the precanceled stamps. This same list of secondary stamps generally applies to the stamps on the paper having the single line watermark. The writer believes that all of the principal varieties have been included in the list.

1908 SERIES.

1c GREEN.

208A. D. L. wmk.
208A.1 " Double transfer.
208A.11 " Imperforate.
208A.12 " Coil perforation.
208A.13 " " 12 Vert.
208A.135 " " 12 Hor.
208A.137 " Booklet pane.
208A.14 " " Plate No. pane.
208A.142 " " Center pane.
208A.143 " " Arrow pane.
208A.144 " " Line pane.
208A.145 " " " Upper.
208A.1452 " " " Bottom.
208A.1454 " " " Right.
208A.1456 " " " Left.
208A.1458 " Machine perforation.
208A.15 " " Schermack III.
208A.1523 " " Mailometer I.
208A.1531 " " " II.
208A.1532 " " " III.
208A.1533 " Brinkerhoff II.
208A.1542 " " U.S.Automatic I.
208A.1551 " " " II.
208A.1552 " " " III.
208A.1553 " " Chambers I.
208A.1561 " " " II.
208A.1562 " " Attleboro I.
208A.1581 " Precanceled.
208A.17 " Bluish paper.
208A.19 S. L. wmk.
208A.2 " Imperforate.
208A.22 " Coil perforation.
208A.23 " " 12 Vert.
208A.2335 " " 12 Hor.
208A.2337 " " 8½ Vert.
208A.2375 " " 8½ Hor.
208A.2377 " Booklet pane.
208A.24 " " Center pane.
208A.243 " " Arrow pane.
208A.244 " " Line pane.
208A.245 " " Upper line pane.
208A.2452 " " Bottom line pane.
208A.2454 " " Right line pane.
208A.2456 " " Left line pane.
208A.2458 " Machine perf.
208A.25 " " Schermack III.
208A.2523 " " Mailometer I.
208A.2531 " " Mailometer III.
208A.2533 " " Brinkerhoff II.
208A.2542 " " U.S.Automatic I.
208A.2551 " " " II.
208A.2552 " " " III.
208A.2553 " " Chambers I.
208A.2561 " " " II.
208A.2562 " Precanceled.
208A.27

2c RED.

208B. D. L. wmk.
208B.1 " Double transfer.
208B.11 " Imperforate.
208B.12 " Coil perforation.
208B.13 " " 12 Vert.
208B.135 " " 12 Hor.
208B.137 " Booklet pane.
208B.14 " " Plate No. pane.
208B.142 " " Center pane.
208B.143 " " Arrow pane.
208B.144 " " Line pane.
208B.145 " " " Upper.
208B.1452 " " " Bottom.
208B.1454 " " " Right.
208B.1456 " " " Left.
208B.1458 " Machine perforation.
208B.15 " " Schermack III.
208B.1523 " " Mailometer I.
208B.1531 " " " II.
208B.1532 " " " III.
208B.1533 " Brinkerhoff II.
208B.1542 " " U.S.Automatic I.
208B.1551 " " " II.
208B.1552 " " " III.
208B.1553 " " Chambers I.
208B.1561 " " " II.
208B.1562 " Precanceled.
208B.17 " Bluish paper.
208B.19 S. L. wmk.
208B.2 " Double transfer.
208B.21 " Imperforate.
208B.22 " " Double transfer.
208B.221 " Coil perforation.
208B.23 " " 12 Vert.
208B.2335 " " 12 Hor.
208B.2337 " " 8½ Vert.
208B.2375 " " 8½ Hor.
208B.2377 " Booklet pane.
208B.24 " Center pane.
208B.243 " Arrow pane.
208B.244 " Line pane.
208B.245 " Upper line pane.
208B.2452 " Bottom line pane.
208B.2454 " Right line pane.
208B.2456 " Left line pane.
208B.2458 " Machine perforation.
208B.25 " " Schermack III.
208B.2523 " " Mailometer I.
208B.2531 " " " III.
208B.2533 " " Brinkerhoff II.
208B.2542 " " U.S.Automatic I.
208B.2551 " " " II.
208B.2552 " " " III.
208B.2553 " " Chambers I.
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208B.27

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" " " thro' paste up	.25	.50
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" " " thro' guide line	.20	.50
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208C.15 Machine perforation.
208C.1523 " Schermack III.
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208C.1542 " Brinkerhoff II.
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208C.19 Bluish paper.
208C.2 S. L. Watermark.
208C.22 " Imperforate.
208C.23 " Coil Perforation.
208C.2375 " " 8½ Vert.
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208C.25 " Machine Perforation.
208C.27 " Precanceled.

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208D.12 Imperforate.
208D.13 Coil perforation.
208D.135 " 12 Hor.
208D.137 " 12 Vert.
208D.15 Machine perforation.
208D.1523 " Schermack III.
208D.1531 " Mailometer I.
208D.1533 " " III.
208D.1542 " Brinkerhoff II.
208D.1551 " U. S. Automatic I.
208D.17 Precanceled.
208D.19 Bluish paper.
208D.2 S. L. Watermark.
208D.22 " Imperforate.
208D.23 " Coil perforation.
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208E. **5c BLUE.**
208E.12 Imperforate.
208E.13 Coil perforation.
208E.135 " 12 Vert.
208E.137 " 12 Hor.
208E.15 Machine perforation.
208E.1523 " Schermack III.
208E.1531 " Mailometer I.
208E.1542 " Brinkerhoff II.
208E.1551 " U. S. Automatic I.
208E.1553 " " III.
208E.17 Precanceled.
208E.19 Bluish paper.
208E.2 S. L. Wmk.
208E.22 " Imperforate.
208E.23 " Coil perforation.
208E.25 " Machine perforation.
208E.27 " Precanceled.

208F. **6c ORANGE.**
208F.135 Coil Perf. 12 Vert.
208F.17 Precanceled.
208F.19 Bluish paper.
208F.2 S. L. Wmk.
208F.27 " Precanceled.

208H. **8c GREEN.**
208H.17 Precanceled.
208H.19 Bluish paper.
208H.2 S. L. Wmk.
208H.27 " Precanceled.

208AX. **10c YELLOW.**
208AX.135 Coil perf. 12 Vert.
208AX.17 Precanceled.
208AX.19 Bluish paper.
208AX.2 S. L. Wmk.
208AX.27 " Precanceled.

208AE. **15c BLUE.**
208AE.17 Precanceled.
208AE.19 Bluish paper.
208AE.2 S. L. Wmk.
208AE.27 " Precanceled.

208AC. **13c GREEN.**
208AC.17 Precanceled.
208AC.19 Bluish paper.

208EX. **50c VIOLET.**
208EX.17 Precanceled.

208AXX. **$1.00 BROWN.**
208AXX.17 Precanceled.

The Issue of 1909.

In this issue the three commemorative stamps of that year are grouped; the 2 cent Lincoln designated by the numeral "1" to the right of the decimal point, the 2 cent Alaska-Yukon-Pacific having the numeral "2" used and the 2 cent Hudson-Fulton, having for its principal index, the numeral "3," are included under the general heading. The method used in this instance is not desirable because it departs from the general plan, as in the instance of the 2 cent different designs of the 1902 issue, but it may be that a more definite index will be found for these three stamps.

1909 COMMEMORATIVES.

209B.1 **2c LINCOLN.**
209B.12 Imperforate.
209B.15 Machine perforation.
209B.1521 " Schermack I.
209B.1522 " " II.
209B.1523 " " III.
209B.1531 " Mailometer I.
209B.1533 " " III.
209B.1541 " Brinkerhoff I.
209B.1542 " " II.
209B.1551 " U. S. Automatic I.
209B.1552 " " II.
209B.1553 " " III.
209B.17 Precanceled.
209B.19 Bluish paper.

209B.2 **2c ALASKA-YUKON.**
209B.22 Imperforate.
209B.221 " Double transfer.
209B.25 Machine perforation.
209B.2523 " Schermack III.
209B.2531 " Mailometer I.
209B.2542 " Brinkerhoff II.
209B.2552 " U. S. Automatic II.
209B.2553 " " III.
209B.2581 " Attleboro I.
209B.27 Precanceled.

209B.3 **2c HUDSON-FULTON.**
209B.31 Double transfer.
209B.32 Imperforate.
209B.321 " Double transfer.
209B.35 Machine perforation.
209B.3523 " Schermack III.
209B.3531 " Mailometer I.
209B.3552 " U. S. Automatic II.
209B.3553 " " III.
209B.37 Precanceled.

The Issue of 1912.

This issue presents no difficulties. The book leaves are found with two perforations which requires a secondary series of numerals. The imperforate stamps are designated by the numeral "2," the coiled stamps by the numeral "3," the book leaves by the numeral "4" where perforated 12 and by the numeral "5" where perforated 10, the machine perforations by the numeral "6" and precancels by the numeral "7."

1912 SERIES.

212A. **1c GREEN.**
212A.12 Imperforate.
212A.121 " Double transfer.
212A.1355 Coil Perf. 10 Vert.
212A.1357 " 10 Hor.
212A.1375 " 8½ Vert.
212A.1377 " 8½ Hor.
212A.14 Book Leaf Perf. 12.
212A.142 " Plate No. pane.
212A.143 " Center pane.
212A.144 " Arrow pane.
212A.145 " Line pane.
212A.1452 " Upper line pane.
212A.1454 " Bottom line pane.
212A.1456 " Right line pane.
212A.1458 " Left line pane.
212A.15 Book Leaf. Perf. 10.
212A.152 " Plate No. pane.
212A.153 " Center pane.
212A.154 " Arrow pane.
212A.155 " Line pane.
212A.1552 " Upper line pane.
212A.1554 " Bottom line pane.
212A.1556 " Right line pane.
212A.1558 " Left line pane.
212A.16 Machine perforation.
212A.1623 " Schermack III.
212A.1631 " Mailometer I.
212A.1633 " " II.
212A.1641 " Brinkerhoff I.
212A.1642 " " II.
212A.1643 " " III.
212A.1651 " U. S. Automatic I.
212A.1652 " " II.
212A.1653 " " III.
212A.17 Precanceled.

212B. **2c RED.**
212B.12 Imperforate.
212B.121 " Double transfer.
212B.1355 Coil perforation. 10 Vert.
212B.1357 " 10 Hor.
212B.1375 " 8½ Vert.
212B.1377 " 8½ Hor.
212B.14 Book Leaf. Perf. 12.
212B.142 " Plate No. pane.
212B.143 " Center pane.
212B.144 " Arrow pane.
212B.145 " Line pane.
212B.1452 " Upper line pane.
212B.1454 " Bottom line pane.
212B.1456 " Right line pane.
212B.1458 " Left line pane.
212B.15 Book Leaf. Perf. 10.
212B.152 " Plate No. pane.
212B.153 " Center pane.
212B.154 " Arrow pane.
212B.155 " Line pane.
212B.1552 " Upper line pane.
212B.1554 " Bottom line pane.
212B.1556 " Right line pane.
212B.1558 " Left line pane.
212B.16 Machine perforation.
212B.1623 " Schermack III.
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212B.1652 " " II.
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212B.17 Precanceled.

212G. **7c BLACK.**
212G.17 Precanceled.

212H. **8c GREEN.**
212H.17 Precanceled.

212J. **9c PINK.**
212J.17 Precanceled.

212AX. **10c ORANGE.**
212AX.17 Precanceled.

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1898, Numeral, 7 var.	.44	.18
1898, Xmas 2 var.& 3 var.2c '99	.11	.05
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1903, complete, 7 var.	.38	.15
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1912, 8 var.	.22	.09
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Dear Sirs: If you have the time, I wish you would read this letter through to the end. I have now been a subscriber to your paper since April, 1907, and have never yet entered a kick. I am not entering one now, but write you as I know of no other way that I can explain to the collector or dealer what I have to say.

For the last ten years I have been buying stamps from various dealers and am an enthusiastic collector. Now the days when I must stop collecting are at hand. Until last June, I was ablebodied and could make my own way without asking aid of any man. Since the accident I have recovered from the injury, but from the nature of same will be a cripple in the left hand for life. While I am able to use the member, it is not fit for manual labor such as I will have to do to get along without begging, which I WON'T do, not if I die first.

The accident took place in a factory of this city, and was caused by not having a clutch on the gravity conveyor, which I was oiling at the time. In the course of my duties I must have slipped on the floor and in falling, my arm fell in between two wooden ball bearing rollers, over which a heavy iron bar passes and same was the cause of the broken arm and wrist. While I am lucky in not losing my whole arm, I am unfortunate to be crippled in the left wrist and joint.

Now as I am quite familiar with the stamps of the world, I wish you would try and interest some dealer in my favor. I think that I can make good at anything in that line. I have a good common school education and some two years of business, which I am not very efficient in as the last two years in school were very irregular, because of my duties in the post-office. I also wish to state that I was an applicant for the U. S. Railway Mail Service, which I had planned on being my life work, now that must be given up, as I am physically unfit.

I can give you any number of references that you may desire. I would not ask you to print this free of charge as I am not a "player on the good will of any man." If I could afford to advertise I would willingly do so. Hoping you will at least give me a little advice, I will close.

Very truly yours,
HARRY C. REDDY,
Fremont, Michigan.

Dec. 3rd, 1914.

P. S. This is my own machine and writing, slow but sure.

(*Editor's Note*).—The foregoing letter is published as received and we are hopeful that if a place exists for Mr. Reddy, his communication will be the means of finding it.

DATE OF ISSUE 5c 1861.

By A. E. STOCKIN.

In Melville's "Confederate States of America" I find (pp. 26 and 27) a discussion as to the date of issue of the 5 cent green of 1861. All the evidence given is from newspapers of the time. Evans giving October 18 and Howe giving October 16. Collin and Calman's Catalogue as it appeared in the *American Journal of Philately* gives the earliest known dated cancellation as October 18. I have a cover plainly cancelled "Richmond Va. October 17, 1861." Does this serve to confirm the date of October 17?

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EDITORIAL.

Rouletted—Two weeks ago, the one and two cent stamps of the current issues, were referred to as having been seen in the mails. Mr. L. B. Lincoln of the Newfoundland Stamp Exchange, who was the first person to show us the specimens in the condition indicated, now submits the following letter for publication, from Mr. J. H. Harris, postmaster at Kansas City, Missouri, dated December 7th, 1914: "In reply to your inquiry of the 5th instant will say that a local firm who formerly purchased of us unperforated stamps in sheets of four hundred has discontinued purchasing same, leaving us supplied with this stock. In order to dispose of them the perforation you speak of was executed at this office and is therefore a purely local matter." Here is an interesting development and an authoritative statement that accounts for the appearance of the rouletted stamps in the ordinary mails from Kansas City, Mo. These varieties are informal indeed and while we have no wish to exalt them to a position of prominence or to analyze any claims that they may have to enthusiastic recognition, it is to be said that at least they possess that requirement that sometimes is so portentiously dwelt upon by arbiters of philatelic destiny of having been "sold over the post office counter."

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Half a Stamp—From Mr. Wm. F. Palmer, East Haddam, Conn., we have received for inspection a cover that is worth the philatelist's eye. Mr. Palmer found recently in a trunk stored away in an attic ("same old story," he observes parantheticallly) about one hundred envelopes from 1862 to 1875 that yielded some interesting combinations, to say nothing of cancellations. Among the envelopes was one sent in 1871 that bore a pair of two cent brown, one of which was halved diagonally and used as a one cent stamp, the inference having been that the supply of three cent stamps had become exhausted at the small post office of mailing. The whole stamp and the half stamp are pen-stroked but the postmark. "Linglestown, Feb. 11, Pa." just missed the stamps. The letter was addressed to East Haddam, Conn. This provisional is an excellent example of nationally unauthorized but locally recognized means of meeting a temporary stamp shortage at a small office.

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Genuine Enough—We have seen not a few genuinely used split stamps dating in the seventies when there was no reason to suspect any philatelic impulse as having been responsible for their creation. It was in this decade that the department particularly gave its attention to abolishing the tendency to resort to the use of split stamps on provocation more or less grave. As illustrating this prohibition, we quote from the postal laws and regulations of 1879: "Fractional parts of postage stamps and postage due stamps cannot be recognized in prepayment of postage. For example, a letter or package to which one two-cent stamp and the half of another two-cent stamp are affixed cannot be considered as having been prepaid three cents, but only two cents; and a letter or package on which eighteen cents postage is chargeable cannot be prepaid in full by affixing a six cent stamp and the half of a twenty-four cent samp."

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Now the Envelopes—The regular five centavos orange of Mexico, stamped envelope, bearing the inscription showing the dominance of the constitutionalists is surcharged not across the stamped envelope impression but the upper left hand part of the envelope with the familiar imprint: "Gobierno Constitucionalista," separated by an ornament that this time seems to be an 8 lying laterally.

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Riff-Raff—From Mr. George W. Linn, we have received an interesting account of the theft of a quantity of spoiled or waste sheets of the green seal issue of Sonora without the seals. In the lot which is alleged to have been taken from the Hermosillo printing office are a small quantity of remainders which naturally cannot be told from the original stamps. Those who appear to be foisting the stamps that were purloined on the market are not clever enough in a philatelic sense to cover up their tracks so that suspicion against their offerings is not excited in the mind of the knowing collector.

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The Shut-Ins—We have received several more offers of stamp gifts for philatelic shut-ins, and we shall be glad to act as intermediary between the givers and the afflicted philatelists, who find in stamp collecting some degree of mental comfort. We may add in this connection that again the Sunset Stamp Company of San Antonio, Texas, comes to the fore, as shown by the following letter: "Through illness, we have gotten behind in reading the WEEKLY, and so therefore we take the liberty of writing to you as we did last year for the names and addresses of ten 'shut-ins.' We wish you and all the others connected with the WEEKLY, A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year."

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A Suggestion—One of our readers, Mr. W. A. Girton, Franklin Grove, Illinois, says: "I have been quite busy of late arranging my old French and Belgian stamps with postmarks from the war zone. Brussels, CharleRoy, Bruges, Louvain, Lille, Reims, etc., I find hundreds of them very plainly postmarked fifteen and twenty years back. These postmark journeys in the affected countries may appeal to other collectors as they do to me, especially so if Germany becomes spotted with battlefields."

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He returned from his labors a few weeks ago and tells a most interesting story to the Washington *Star*, of how American determination, machinery and efficiency overcame, seemingly, endless obstacles which eventually gave Cuba her own stamp-making bureau. Incidentally the success of the plant at Havana has led President Menocal, Mr. Foster says, to urge the Cuban Congress to allow the little republic to make her own paper money.

The history of the enterprise is as follows:

In 1911, Jose Lopez Rodriguez, millionaire director of one of the finest publishing houses on the island, secured from the Cuban government the right to engrave and print all stamps which were to be used. Before embarking upon the enterprise, he had decided to expend $300,000 in the construction of the new building which was to be the home of the plant, and to outfit it with the most modern of American engraving and printing machinery.

Hence Jose Lopez Rodriguez came to this country and traveled far and wide, inspecting the foremost printing houses of the nation. An expert himself, he did not reach a quick conclusion. Eventually his travels brought him to this city, where he was invited to go through the Washington bureau. There he found the perfection he sought. Calling the director aside he asked him to name some man in this model of efficiency who could copy it on a smaller scale in Cuba.

"I am satisfied that if this can be done," said Jose Lopez Rodriguez, "my troubles will be at an end."

From all accounts the word "picturesque" is not misused when applied to Rodriguez. "Pote" they call him, affectionately, all over the island of Cuba. The word "Pote" means pot. The nickname was derived from Rodriguez's frequent statement that he collected all ideas and "boiled them in a pot."

Rodriguez had come to Havana from Spain when a boy—a penniless, friendless, but determined boy—who began his career by selling books on the street. His tremendous imagination—he seemed to possess a second sight—and his steady digging began to show results. He became several times a millionaire, and one of the trusted assistants of all Cuban political factions. The belief in his personal integrity, so Foster says, is boundless.

So, lock, stock and bottle, the job of starting the new factory was turned over to the young printer. He traveled around purchasing $125,000 worth of machinery, the exact duplicates of the type to be found in the government's bureau of engraving and printing in Washington. The paper and gum to be used was also the same.

In the latter part of 1911, Foster, with five Americans whom he had taken with him, reached Havana, and by November the building had been completed and the machinery installed.

There was a big celebration attended by President Gomez and his cabinet, buttons were pressed, the machinery started on its trial spin, many flowery speeches were made and Havana sat back to see the "Americano" make good. There were three little things that obstructed the road to happiness. They were:—

No English-speaking employees.

An utter lack of mechanical knowledge among the Cubans, to whom this work was as impossible as the solution of a problem in higher mathematics.

The climate.

The bureau of engraving and printing, where Director Foster had worked for so many years, was the direct outgrowth of 75 years of experimenting. Girls, who do most of the work, begin when they are young as apprentices on the easiest and simplest of work. They are gradually promoted as they become more efficient. Thus, it is easy to see that the force has a never-ending supply from which to draw.

Not so the Cuban bureau. Here it was necessary to put 80 "green" girls and 20 "green" men to work at once. And as though this were not difficult enough of itself, Director Foster, the only teacher, couldn't speak a word of Spanish. The first thing the director did was to begin a study of the native language. Meanwhile he employed a native interpreter, a girl who was bright, but who could not be expected to grasp the first essentials of machinery.

Patiently he explained each detail of the work to his class. First he would tell the interpreter over and over again until she began to see light. Then he would give a personal demonstration of what he was trying to do, working slowly on the machines until the class as a whole began to see light. Then he would repeat his instructions via the English-Spanish route, and finally would start the girls and men to work.

It was curious to notice the little blunders that kept cropping out. The girls did not see the need of all the trouble with the paper. Paper was paper, was it not? Madre Dios, did the senor think the paper was sacred? If the paper was spoiled could he not buy more? The senor could and did buy more—much more, before his class showed perceptible improvement.

"Slywipe" is a phrase which the American engraving girl knows throughout the United States as synonymous with carelessness. One of the young Cuban maidens used to smile with pleasure when this phrase was applied in reproach to her.

"The senor has called me shighigh," she would say, proudly. "Shighigh" was as close as she could get to "Slywipe" for many and many a day.

All the time that Foster was training these girls other problems arose to confront him. The gum preparation which was perfectly satisfactory in the United States was not the right consistency for Cuba. The excessive moisture in the atmosphere softened the gum, and whole sheets of stamps would become glued together and would have to be destroyed. Oil, which was thick in the United States, would thin out when it reached Cuba. Vaseline was in constant demand, for the machines, erected so close to salt water, were constantly rusting and getting out of order. All of the extra parts which were stored away were rusted before they were ever put into use.

Foster tells of one afternoon soon after his arrival when a terrific thunderstorm broke. The rainfall was so heavy that it was impossible to send the paper into the drying machines. These had to be stopped while the papers were put in by hand. Then the sheets would be taken out and others substituted. They worked in this fashion all the afternoon.

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Out of 10 girls who would be tried out, four would be retained. The other six would prove incompetent and would be dismissed. The same approximate average held regarding the men.

Director Foster's comments on the relative merits of Cuban and Spanish girls, in this new work, are interesting.

"I found," he says, "that the Cuban girls were the more intelligent. They would grasp an idea more readily. They seemed to excel the Spanish girls in understanding what the purpose of all this work was. But they never attained the ultimate efficiency of the Spanish girls. They were more anaemic than their Spanish sisters. The individual output of work would not be as high. In other words, they could do more work at the beginning and less as they proceeded, while the Spanish girls reversed this rule.

"How do you think," Foster was asked, "the Cuban girls would compare with American girls?"

"American girls," he replied, "could do more work in the end than either the Cubans or Spaniards. But I doubt whether they would learn as quickly as the Cuban girls did."

One year was given Foster before he was expected to turn out a supply of stamps. The first batch were turned out within three months—nine months before the time required. The issue comprised 20,000,000 revenue stamps. The government passed upon them and found them entirely equal to what they had been led to expect.

Since that time the plant has turned out 400,000,000 revenue stamps for matches, cigars, cigarettes and other taxable articles, and has additionally acquired the right to issue the postage stamps and what are known as the guaranty stamps—the latter proving that cigars and cigarettes are made of pure Cuban tobacco.

Of the former they have issued 20,000,000; of the latter, 67,000,000. But this was done at a price. Director Foster lost 26 pounds in six weeks. He was required, of necessity, to be on the jump all day long, and then at night, when his Cuban employees were sleeping, he was in the study of his home pondering over problems of chemistry, management or other things. It took him six weeks to find a gum which could be used in the Cuban climate. It was solved when he discovered the proper proportion of dextrin, a substance something like tapioca, which should go into the concoction.

The hardest lesson to instil into the minds of the Cuban girls was the lesson of accuracy—absolute accuracy on all occasions. The girls, and many of the men, were of the indolent, easygoing type. To them a sheet of postage stamps was about the same as a sheet of paper. If it was lost, another could easily be made to replace it. It was only after many hard lessons that the girls were made to understand that every single stamp in the millions turned out daily, must be accounted for before they went home.

The director, or "jefe," as the Cubans called him, had personally to count and recount the sheets of stamps every day. This in itself was a good, man-sized job. Foster tells one story of an occasion when he found, at the end of the day, that his list tallied one-quarter of a sheet more than it should. Calling all of the girls and men together, he explained to them that this quarter sheet must be found. They were impatient. Supper was awaiting them.

Eventually they began the—to them—useless search. Box after box was opened and recounted. The director himself found the box that was one-quarter of a sheet shy of its proper contents. It was among the last of the boxes opened. This was the lesson needed to teach carefulness. Thereafter the director had little trouble.

As soon as things were running smoothly, Foster employed two Cuban boys as apprentices. They are now going through all the stages that result in the expert plate printer, and when they have concluded their courses they will be the first Cuban engravers to learn the art of plate printing on the island.

As a remedy for the thin oil, Director Foster found that the use of vaseline in greater quantities will prolong the life of the machinery. But in discussing this he adds:

"We still confront another difficulty which is not in the way of the United States Government. We are 1,200 miles from our base of supplies, and consequently must order our material in large quantities. Frequently we have as many as 2,000,000 sheets of paper for stamps on hand. One must recall the size of each sheet, 18 by 20¾ inches, before the magnitude of such a bundle is realized. This paper is kept in a specially built warehouse; it is carefully packed so that our one biggest enemy, humidity, will not affect it. Other supplies are purchased on about the same scale."

Foster's comparisons are illuminating, not only in regard to himself, but also concerning the general sentiment of Cubans toward Americans.

"I had occasionally heard," he says, "that there was a certain antipathy toward Americans. I found this to be absolutely false, not only regarding myself, but also my companions and those Americans whom I met on the island. The Cubans are cordial and gratefully appreciate what the United States has done toward aiding them to better government.

When I took charge, I found that the labor officials in different branches of the plant were more than anxious to do whatever they could to make my work lighter. They were especially helpful to me while I was struggling with the Spanish language. Time after time they would correct my mistakes. They did it in the politely pleasant way which leaves no embarrassment.

One thing which the new bureau has done is to overcome largely the Latin prejudice against girls going out to work. Time was when this would have been regarded as a disgrace. Now it is accepted as honorable. When Foster first took charge he had a little difficulty in persuading relatives of the girls that the government did not expect them to serve as chaperon. It is a custom as ancient as the Latin race that no girl shall go forth unless she is accompanied by an older person. Many mothers tried to enforce this custom on the bureau of engraving and printing, but were eventually persuaded that their presence was not necessary in a business establishment.—*The Cuba Review.*

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

UNITED STATES.—The new Massachusetts "Stock Transfer Tax" stamps have been issued, and are bound to be popular with collectors. We have seen only the 2c value as yet. The design is an upright oblong, 22x28 mm. with a broad border of lathe work, broken in the lower corners by the larger circles containing the figures of value. The Arms of Massachusetts occupies the centre of the design. "Commonwealth of Massachusetts" is in two straight lines at the top with "Stock Transfer Tax" in a curved tablet just over the arms. "Cents" appears at the bottom between the figures of value. The stamps are printed on white wove unwatermarked paper, and are perforated 12.

State Revenue.

2c orange.

Kendall P. Smith and Milton R. Miller call attention to a change in watermark in the new revenue stamps. The 1c Documentary stamps are now issued on paper watermarked double line "U S I R" while first printings were on paper with the single line "U S P S" watermark. The latter is printed in a pink shade, while the regular paper has the carmine shade.

F. L. Bennett also calls attention to the new watermark, and reports having seen the "U S P S" watermark on the 1c, 2c and 5c Documentary and ½c Proprietary, and the "U S I R" on the 2c, 3c and 4c Documentary and ¼c, ⅝c and 1¼c Proprietary.

Lowell J. Ragatz, C. A. Howes and others have called our attention to the current 1c envelope, watermarked "U S S E" precancelled "Federalsburg—Maryland", in violet. This is believed to be the first precancelled envelope on record.

The last A. P. S. publication was franked with a strip of coil 1c stamps precancelled "Federalsburg—Maryland," printed in violet ink.

CHINA.—*Nabha.*—W. T. Wilson sends us the 4a and 1r King George stamps with the normal overprint "Nabha—State" at the top and "Service" at the bottom. A year ago Mr. Wilson sent us these two stamps, but with the provisional overprint, "Service" at the top and "Nabha—State" at the bottom.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—We have received from several correspondents a full page clipping from the New York *Evening Telegram* of Tuesday, December 8. It is of special interest to stamp collectors from the fact that more than a hundred U. S. stamps are illustrated either in whole or in part. All our correspondents call attention to the infraction of P. O. regulations, it being the most serious one that has ever come under our observation.

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PUNS ON PENNY POSTAGE, 1840.

My Dear Friend.—I write you this letter to explain to you why you have next to nothing to pay for it. The Government has settled the business; and the Chancellor of the Exchequer has resolved to set his revenue *a-going by the Post.* We are to pay a penny for a letter, which is expected to have upon it the stamp of the Post Office, and of public approbation at the same time. I hardly think it will. Some of the community are looking dull about it already. There is a *pence*—ive air about the two—I beg pardon, the—one penny postmen, which strikes every one. They intimate that it is gammon to load a man with an additional hundredweight of paper, and to call *that a reduction of public duty.* It clearly affects people of that *stamp;* and the public surmise it may even touch the newspapers. In short, they say that the *Times* will be quite altered by the *Post.* Ladies generally seem to like the idea, but there is a visible depression in the *mails.* Many a *coachman* has been thrown off his *guard,* and surprised into a most determined alteration of *carriage.* The Government will be a political midwife, engaged in an everlasting delivery. London is already afflicted with a metropolitan rheumatism, produced by the introduction of fresh draughts into passages, the carpenters having cut holes in all the street-doors. Sanguine people, however, retain their knockers, in the hope of getting the reward offered for the discovery of *perpetual motion!* They say there is to be an issue of more than a million of letters a day; but men are a little at issue about this. There must be some truth in it, however, as two thousand counters have been engaged,—one thousand to *count* them and the other to *count them upon.* Sorters of all sorts are employed. At the Post Offices, at all hours, the *pigeon* holes will be surrounded by *carriers.* The poor fellows will be like muskets, perpetually *going off.* Rowland Hill has invented this scheme; but the postmen do not complain of him so much as of the other *hills* they must trudge over with their great bags of letters. The only district there is any contention for is *Bag shot* heath, once famous for highwaymen; they say, however, that we are *all* highwaymen now, and do nothing but make them *"stand and deliver"* from morning till night. Some mercantile quarrels have sprung out of the new regulation. For instance, there is a good deal of *milling* among the paper-makers. The march of paper will be prodigious—the French say we shall have none left, that it will be all *papier marche!* Men, women, and children are to write—right or wrong. Enjoinments to this duty—now the other duty is off—press from all quarters. "Be sure you send me plenty of *notes,"* says the son, departing for College. "Write to me often, *Billy, do,"* asks the affectionate mother of her school-going child. Love-letters, containing mutual *pledges* will be *popped* into post by thousands; and hearts gone passed *redemption* will be slipped recklessly through a hole in the door. It is uncertain whether orators will not cease *spouting* and singers write the notes which they formerly would have *uttered.* Iron mongers are looking up—and *forgery* is going on famously—in consequence of the great demand for steam *steal* pens. Manifold-writers are quite exhausted. I confess, I do not like the system myself—as it's Hill, it has its ills; any good in it will appear on an examination—

Post Mortem.

(Cruikshank's Comic Almanack, 1840.)

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SB Stamp at back of Envelope.
B Brown red impression.
D Doubles—Two envelopes together.
RD Razzie Dazzle, blotched imp.
M Stamp in middle of envelope.

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" " 1c R	5		.50
" " 1c N	13		.25
" Man. 1c A	5		.20
" B on Wh. 2c R	1	A	.40
" " 2c N	1		.25
" " 2c A	3		.15
" " 2c A	5		.10
" " 2c S	5		.20
" " 2c R	5	B	.25
" Am. 2c A	5		.20
" blue 2c A	5		.25
" o. b. 2c A	5		.20
" B. on Wh. 2c Big h'd	13		.40
" " 2c N	13		.25
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" " " 2c R	5	A	.25
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" " " 2c S	5		.20
" " " 2c S B	5		.25
" " " 2c O B	5		.20
" " " 2c P A	13		.20
" " " 2c R	13		.25
" " " 2c S	13		.20
" " am. 2c R	13		.50
" Gr. white 1c A	8		.25
" Gr. " 1c R	8		.50
1911 amber 1c A	8		.25
" car. on white 2c M	8		.25
US-SE white 2c R	5		.25
USSE gr. on white 1c R	5		.40
" car. on white 2c R	3		.25
" " " 2c R	5		.25
" " " 2c R	13		.25
1907 white 2c A	7		.20
" " 2c A	8		.15
" " 2c R	8		.30
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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

GETTING BUSINESS.

In every industry that depends upon selling goods, the selling end is the most important, and is the division that receives the most attention from the executive in charge. No matter how profitably the merchant buys his stock, or prepares it for sale, if his methods of drawing sales are at fault, his business will suffer. Since it is the sales department that brings in the money, it is highly important that that branch of the business be the most perfect in the whole organization.

The work of the Sales Department may be divided into two classes:

Getting the Business.

Service, or Keeping the Business.

Publicity is the recognized business builder in all lines. There are many ways of gaining publicity, but all tend to influence sales. A concern may have a good or bad reputation, according to its merits, and since this reputation is publicity in a certain sense, it is necessary that the good name of the house be maintained. In these days of competition, every concern must give absolute satisfaction and service or fall by the way-side. The concern that can deliver the goods the way the people want them and is not afraid to back their product to the limit will gain a reputation that is the best possible advertising.

I have paid considerable attention to the advertising feature of modern business, and believe I can offer a few hints to the new dealer, (possibly one or two to some of the old fellows, as not a few seem to know little of this most important end of their business). Let us imagine that we are in charge of a stamp business, and are "after the customers." We have an advantage over the real dealer, inasmuch as we can do anything we please. We are unlimited in our stock—of imagination.

Advertising begins farther back than the columns of the paper, or the circular letter. It begins when the first stock is purchased. Let us cite two examples: Anderson has ideas on advertising and decides to feature a certain line of stamps, say the stamps of America. Accordingly, he designs two series of books. One series is by countries, the other is sold at large discounts to work off the "culls" and stamps out of his line, or surplus stock. He wishes to feature the first as "Anderson's American Approvals," accordingly he buys his stock with the intention of making the finest possible series of American approvals. The picked copies he lays aside for his first class series, and the others he discards for sale through the cheaper books. Whenever he buys a lot, he considers the saleability through his books, and the advertising possibilities of the lot. He intends to make a name for his series, and to help his advertising, he designs a unique campaign featuring "Anderson's American Approvals." This method will help him, inasmuch as it attracts attention, and keeps his name before the public.

Jones also intends to put out a series of approvals. He has little advertising ability, and cannot see the advantage of buying stock to feature any one line. Accordingly, he prepares a very ordinary set of books, including good, bad and passable stamps in his books. He uses ordinary stock approval books, rubber stamps his name on the cover and on his stationery, and does not adopt a trade name. He advertises as follows:

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H. E. Jones, Noplace, Iowa.

He offers not a thing to attract the collector's attention. His display instead of featuring a name that the collectors can place his books by, announces that he has to offer just the same thing that some several hundred others are selling. His books themselves do not create any additional interest to the collector. His stock may be fine, but it is so carelessly prepared that the buyer is dissatisfied, and as a result, will certainly neglect to recommend H. E. Jones to his collecting friends. This, while it may not hurt Jones' reputation, will do nothing to increase his business.

A grocer may start business in a small town. His shop may be commonplace and his apples wormy, yet he will do business until competition comes along. Then he will either wake up, or close up. Competition is lively in the stamp business, and the successful dealer must keep abreast of the times or close up his shop. Business will not come to any dealer without attraction. Certain Eastern dealers do not advertise. Very well. But don't they advertise? True, you never see their name in print, but ask a New York collector where he can get such and such a stamp in fine condition. You have tried every dealer without success. He will tell you to go to the — Company, that their stock is very large and their service unexcelled. They have been doing business for forty years and carry a very large and fine lot of stamps. They never advertise, because they have the best possible advertising, a name for efficiency in supplying wants and service in handling orders. They may not know it, but every satisfied customer is an indirect advertisement. Therefore, they advertise.

Every dealer must attract attention in some way to himself, and put individuality into his business. Colman, of Washington, has won fame because he is known as the "headquarters for U. S. & Colonies," "P. M." was well-known for his "Large Selections," Stanley Gibbons have gained note as "The People with the Goods," etc. Suppose that all of these dealers advertised "50% approvals." Would they draw trade from one another? Not in ten thousand years unless each had something better than his rival. No buyer is going to patronize a dealer unless he believes he will do better there than elsewhere. If you want success in advertising, put yourself back of your product, feature some line of your business, and begin to advertise from the beginning. Of course, a good salesman can sell anything, but it is far easier to sell something good. Also, the people come back for more, and it is continued buying that spells profit, seldom the first or second order. Before you start to sell, prepare your goods in some attractive manner that can be featured.

It is not necessary to have a large stock, nor even a fine stock. Personally, I have a very small stock, yet I am selling with satisfactory results to patrons of the big dealers. Every dealer can offer something attractive to the public. It may be "1c approvals" of cheap stamps, or "Simplified Selections" for the beginner, or "Big Books" for the busy buyer, or "Square-deal Packets," according to the circumstances of the dealer.

It would be useless to outline unique methods in these columns, as a certain amount of originality must enter into every sales plan. Later, some of the schemes that have been successful and unsuccessful in advertising stamp business will be discussed. In an early issue, we will continue the adventures of Anderson and Jones in the stamp business, and will show how they wrote good and bad copy. Let it be understood that the two examples named are truly fictitious and do not apply to any dealer, but the names are used merely to strengthen the copy.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

O. J. R.—I am not very familiar with the Peruvian stamp in question. If this surcharge is hand-stamped, it is not worth a great deal more inverted. If it is genuinely printed, however, it should be worth quite a little more than the normal variety. These stamps are hard sellers, however.

I have heard nothing about a 6c 1907 Honduras in ultramarine. There are several distinct shades of this stamp, however. Are you sure that your copy is truly ultramarine, and not lavender? I have seen shades bordering on a blue, yet hardly ultramarine.

The surcharges on your Indian and Venezuelan stamps are control marks of some sort. The Venezuelan stamps inscribed "Escuelas" (schools) and "Instruccion" are revenues as well as postage stamps.

G. G. G.—Your New South Wales stamp apparently has an inverted watermark. It is rarer this way than with normal watermark, and a collector interested in this country might pay you a premium for it. I have never seen one sold, so cannot put a price on it.

C. A.—I do not know of any book on the stamps of Bosnia. This little country seems to have been neglected by the philatelic scribes. It is possible that a letter addressed to Mr. Adam E. Daum, Assistant Librarian of the American Philatelic Society, 421 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., will bring you the desired information.

T. P. S.—Your Cuba stamp surcharged "u" in "October" and the Paraguay stamp with flag in "5" missing are caused by broken letters. As there are a great many differences of this sort and since they generally are of interest only to a very advanced specialist, they are not listed in the catalogue. Almost any sheet of stamps will present some slight difference, especially if surcharged, so it is almost impossible to list all these differences, and the vast majority of collectors do not favor listing such varieties.

Your German-Turkey surcharge and Reunion stamp with the differences in type are minor differences of considerable interest, yet scarcely of importance enough to be listed. The catalogue does, however, list many varieties of this sort, and I can see no reason why they should not include yours if they list any.

The Colombian Republic stamp exists with several varieties of hand-stamp, and apparently little effort was made to secure absolute uniformity in these stamps.

I cannot account for your Russian stamps with numeral watermark, unless this watermark is part of the paper-makers brand or mark. Varieties of this nature occur in the stamps of Argentine and British Colonies.

Your French stamp with dash in "5" is caused by a scratch or broken plate.

I believe your Spanish stamp to be a chemical changeling, since blues are easily turned to green by certain common chemical reactions.

WHEAT AND CHAFF.

A. C. Roessler in his September *Stamp News* writes an interesting article on the Postal Service of Iceland, wherein he states that there are four carriers employed, and "No uniforms are worn." It looks like a cold winter for postmen in Iceland.

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By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

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The early alterations in Danish stamps were occasioned by changes of currency. The first stamps were denominated in rigsbankskilling (48½ R. B. S.—1 mare banso—1s 5½d); the next issue was in skilling (96 skilling—1 rigsbankdaler—2s 3d), this currency continuing until 1874, when, in the stamps of that year the values were expressed in ore (100 ore—1 krona—1s 1d). The English equivalents are approximate. The two values in the first, the rigsbankskilling, issue of 1851 are the 2 R. B. S. blue, and the 4 R. B. S. brown. A separate design was prepared for each value, the lower one having an uncoloured circular space in the centre, in which the value is expressed by the figure and word—"2 rigsbankskilling"; the higher value has the Danish regalia in the centre, and the value is not expressed in figures, but in the inscription at the bottom, "Fire R. B. S."





During a visit to Copenhagen in 1898 His Majesty King George (then Duke of York) elicited the information that the 2 R. B. S. stamp, which at that time was being much discussed in philatelic circles, was produced from a single steel die, from which ten matrices were obtained in plaster, and the type-metal plates of 100 stamps were made from the plaster matrices by stereotyping. Both stamps were printed on paper which was covered with a burelage of yellow wavy lines, as a protection against forgery; they were also watermarked with the device of a crown, and a still further protection was afforded by the insertion, in a different part of each of the two designs, of a so-called "secret mark" the letter F standing for M. W. Ferslew, the engraver.





The change to the skilling currency involved new engravings, and A. Buntzen was entrusted with the work. He followed the Ferslew engraving of the 4 R. B. S. for the design of all the new stamps, but reduced the inscriptions to the shortest of contractions. The value is expressed "2 S." The "K. G. L." on the left stands for Kongeligt (Royal); "Post" at the top is the only word spelt out on the stamp; " F. R. M." at the right is for frimaerke (stamp). The values 2, 4, 8 and 16 skilling were, like the stamps of the preceding series, issued imperforate, and the ground of the design, between the outer border and the wreath which encloses the regalia, is composed of fine dots. It is this last feature which is the most prominent distinction between the 4 and 8 skilling stamps of 1853-57, and those values which Buntzen engraved anew in 1858; in the place of the dotted ground the new stamps have a ground of wavy lines filling the spandrels. The stamps of all four values, and both the types of the 4 and 8 skilling (viz., the dotted ground and the wavy-lined ground) are known rouletted and unofficially perforated.

All the stamps from the Ferslew and Buntzen dies are of a small square shape, but with the adoption of perforation in 1864, it was found more convenient to follow the upright oblong shape of stamps as used by most of the other countries. The engraver, Ph. Batz, continued the use of the regalia as the cen-

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tral device, but in his design the crown is on an oval medallion, and the crossed sword and sceptre extend out into the inscribed band which surrounds the central device. The same abbreviated inscriptions were continued, the same values were repeated, but a new one was added to them in 1865 in the 3 skilling dull rose. The perforation of this issue gauges 12½, 13.





The same engraver, Batz, was responsible for the new type introduced in 1870, showing the large numeral in the centre, with the name "Denmark" above and value below, contained in the enclosing oval band; the stamps were printed in two colours, one for the entire central portion and the other for the spandrels and sides of the frame. The values at this date were still expressed in skilling, but, in 1874, practically the same design was continued after the adoption of the ore currency. The perforation of the stamps of this design, whether skilling or ore values, was, for the most part, made by comb-machines, gauging 14x13½, but the earlier "12½-13" machine was also used at different periods.



In 1882 a new design was introduced, with the view to reducing the cost of manufacturing the stamps; the central device is the Arms of Denmark, and the value is expressed at each side in figures. The stamps of this design were all produced at one printing instead of two, but the change only affected three values, 5, 10, and 20 ore, until 1896, when the series was extended to six denominations. The other values meanwhile were continued in the familiar bi-coloured series. These two designs were in con-current use until 1904-5, when the King Christian IX portrait type, engraved by M. Damman, of Paris, came into use. For some time during the preparation of the 1904-5 stamps, two





of the old stamps, the 8 ore and 24 ore, were surcharged 4 ore and 15 ore, respectively, these being the first provisional issues Denmark had occasion to produce.

The stamps of 1904-5 were of two kinds, produced by two distinct methods of printing. The King's head type were





printed from recess plates, and included five values, 10, 20, 25, 50 and 100 ore; the other kind were surface-printed, and show a simple ornamental ground with the value in coloured numerals on an uncoloured oval; this second design was used for the 1, 2, 3, 4, and 15 ore. A new die of the King's head was engraved in 1905 at the Imperial Printing Office in Berlin, and the 5 ore from this die appeared in November, 1905, and the 10 ore, which had already appeared in the Damman type in 1904, was superseded by the same value in the Berlin type in April, 1906, although King Christian IX had died three months previously. The next year, 1907, a commencement was made with the series of portrait stamps of the late King Frederick



VIII; these also were from dies engraved at the Imperial Printing Office at Berlin.

A year or so ago it was intended to issue a new value, 35 ore, but owing to a fire which occurred at the works of Messrs. Thiele, of Copenhagen, where all the Danish stamps are printed, it was found impossible to do more than provide a makeshift in time for issue on April 1, as officially announced. Recourse had, therefore, to be made to surcharging old stock in order to provide stamps of this denomination, and remainders of the 16 ore and 20 ore of the 1874 issue and the 32 ore official stamp





of 1875 were converted into the new value of 35 ore, the official stamp having an additional overprint to indicate its availability for ordinary postal purposes. As a matter of fact, the 35 ore of the permanent type was only one day late, being issued on April 2.—*Telegraph.*

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Two weeks ago we illustrated the designs to be used upon the new Canal Zone postage dues. In some way the heading of the article ascribed these stamps to Cuba instead of Canal Zone.

—We have received clippings from Herman W. Boers, one of which gives the particulars of the meeting of the Detroit Philatelic Society, Saturday, Dec. 5. Karl Koslowski exhibited his collection of Russian postage stamps, an exceptionally fine one. The society has some twenty-five members and meets every two weeks.

—Lowell J. Ragatz advises us that he has seen some Patiala State ½a and 1a King Edward "Postage and Revenue" type in which the "Patiala State" is printed in quite large letters with glossy ink, some of the stamps having Bombay postmark. Mr. Ragatz secured the information from India that no such stamps were ever issued in Patiala. He also states that he has seen some fake surcharges of Italy overprinted "LaCanea" in black, exactly like Scott's 852. The values seen thus far are 1, 2, 5, 10 and 15c. We have not verified the above information.

—E. B. Hill of Mesa, Ariz., submits a cover showing a 10c registration stamp used in payment of regular postage.

—Fred Timeaus sends us a clipping from the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* giving the particulars of a three days' convention of the Washington State Philatelic Society which met recently in that city. The meetings were held at the Savoy and several fine collections were shown.

—We have been furnished with correspondence between H. Tasker and the Quebec Post Office in which we are acquainted with the fact that J. L. A. Couture, 31 Crown St., Quebec, has been deprived of all postal facilities. Mr. Tasker's latest communication to Couture was returned stamped, "Suspected to be of a fraudulent character."

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from C. M. Breder, W. F. Van Dusen, James D. Patterson, Wm. F. Works, E. Russell Jones (2), Burt McCann.

—T. E. Flick, secretary of the Galveston Philatelic Society, sends us the club program for 1914-15. The society is in a very flourishing condition, with some twenty-five members, and is doing an excellent work in holding up the interest in philately in Galveston.

—The N. P. S. met December 11 at the home of Wm. L. Aldrich. After a short business session a pleasant evening was spent in the enjoyment of musical selections. Refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed.

—The first annual banquet of the Brooklyn Stamp Society was held at Grisoli's, Brooklyn, on December 9, with C. H. Nammack, vice-president, as toastmaster. Responses to various toasts were made by Edw. Weiss, J. W. Nicklin, M. Ohlman, W. J. Coleman, Wm. Lycett, and E. H. Gammans, Jr. Secretary Lycett informs us that the society has a membership of over thirty, twenty-five of whom were present at the banquet.

—"Would you put your readers on their guard against a set of stamps, inscribed 'BELGIQUE—BELGIE,' oblong shape, bearing the portraits of the Belgian King and Queen. They are offered from Holland with the story that they were in use in Flanders for two days only. The values are 5c green, 10c rose and 20c mauve, and the copies we have seen are postmarked 'ROULERS, 5 OCTO, 18-19 1914.' They are a swindle and we are officially informed by the Belgian postal authorities that the 'Roulers' postmark must be from a stolen or forged die."—ALFRED SMITH & SON.

OMAHA'S SUCCESSFUL CHRISTENING.

At the organization meeting of the Omaha Stamp Club held on November 27, 1914, there were present the following: Jos. Balaz, Frank Brown, W. C. Estes, R. C. Hoyt, C. T. Lam, C. C. Meihsner, Rev. F. W. Leavitt, F. S. Parmelee, O. E. Stark, N. T. Thorson, H. A. Whipple, John Benson, C. G. Carleman, and L. T. Brodstone of Superior, Neb.

Permanent organization was made, a constitution adopted and the following officers elected to serve during the coming year: President, Richard C. Hoyt; Vice President, Frank S. Parmelee; Secretary-Treasurer, Ora E. Stark. Dues were fixed at $1.00 per year, payable quarterly in advance. On motion the invitation of Mr. Parmelee to use his offices at 210 First National Bank Building for meetings of the club was accepted with thanks, and the first Friday night of each month set as the date of meetings. As the regular date for January, however, falls on New Year's day, it was decided to hold the next meeting on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, at 8 p. m., and it is hoped that all members will arrange to be on hand and bring with them any friends who may be interested.

Those who failed to attend the last meeting and see the splendid collection of United States exhibited by Mr. Hoyt missed a treat, but it is hoped that he may be induced to display it again at a later date. At the meeting to be held on February 5, 1915, Mr. John Benson will show his fine collection of British Colonials, which includes the King Edward heads practically complete.

The offices of exchange manager, auction manager, librarian and counterfeit detector will be filled by the president at an early date, but in the meantime members desiring to exchange stamps should bring their selections with them to the meeting. Also, see if you can't get together a few good auction lots and we'll arrange for a rattling good auction in February. Any suggestions which will help to maintain a live interest in the club are greatly desired.

Mr. Charles L. Pond, of Indianapolis, Ind., who was secretary of the Omaha Collectors Club way back in 1901-03, has written to say that there remained in his hands at the death of that organization a balance of $3.30, and this amount he has turned over to the Omaha Stamp Club. This windfall has been added to the Club's treasury and with the payment of the first quarter's dues, which are collectible at this month's meeting, we will have sufficient funds to meet the running expenses of the club. We now have twenty-seven members—a very creditable showing—and hope to increase this number to fifty or more in the next few months.

ORA E. STARK,
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NOTES ON MEXICAN PROVISIONALS.

There is evidently a wealth of provisional issues in store for collectors who like to secure surcharges made by means of a rubber stamp. It is a very convenient form not only of surcharging stamps to gratify the vanity of local postmasters, but also as a means of raising a bit of revenue.

Our friends on the border-line are keeping us well posted in regard to the course of events, though the different authorities vary in connection with the details of issue of these provisionals.

The very latest provisional are the "E. S." surcharges to which we have already referred, speciments of the same being submitted by W. J. Stanton. He has seen the following stamps with this overprint:—1899, 3c; 1903, 2c; 1910, 1c, 2c and 5c; dues 5c and 10c; also a 2c postcard.

Mr. Stanton also informs us that some of the 3c green Sonora with seal in the re-issued type have "Gob" in "Gobierno" dropped. This does not appear on all the sheets but where it does appear it is the fourth stamp. Of six hundred copies of all values examined only two were found in the type indicated.

A. W. Foster of El Paso, Tex., indicates a rubber stamp surcharge from Durango with the overprint consisting of "G. C. M. Durango" in red ink. Mr. Foster has a full set up to the peso and informs us that the new Madero set is expected soon. We may have chronicled this provisional but mention this item for what it is worth.

Just as we go to press A. C. Roessler sends us a word of condemnation of the "E. S." surcharge. He is not satisfied that these provisionals have any standing and closes his communication with these words:—"All rubber stamps surcharges from Mexico should be looked upon with suspicion. The set referred to has been out ten days and none have been received but from the initial source."

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EDITORIAL.

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Confederate Lore—Our remarks recently on Confederate printings and fac-similes were received with manifestations of interest and a somewhat lively correspondence on the subject has developed. Several letters convey information of no little value and we are pleased to find space for observations from a gentleman who has succeeded in gathering much original information on Confederate stamps and associated studies. To others who have so kindly sent specimens of counterfeit and bogus Confederates, we have returned our thanks with the stamps. It is a satisfaction to find that so much interest in Confederates is being evinced by a large number of collectors who are eager to receive and give, when occasion allows, information on the subject of the stamps in question.

Confederate Printers—Our friend says that the question of sequence of engravers and printers of the Confederate stamps was never more compactly or authoritatively expressed and definitely settled than by H. St. Geo. Offutt in 1868. Mr. Offutt was the First Assistant Postmaster General of the Confederate States and he served in that capacity until the close of the war. As chief of the Contract Bureau of the Confederate States post office department, the securing of postage stamps was directly under his supervision. The first contract was with Messrs. Hoyer and Ludwig, lithographers of Richmond, Virginia, for the five cents, head of Jefferson Davis; second, denomination of ten cents, portrait of Thomas Jefferson; and third, two cents (green) head of Andrew Jackson. Archer and Daley of Richmond succeeded Hoyer and Ludwig as contractors for furnishing stamps; and here, we quote: "Mr. Archer engraved the first steel plate postage stamp for the Department and a Mr. Halpin, employed in his office, engraved all of the others, and the plates, dies, etc., were the property of the Department and delivered by Mr. Offutt to Keatinge and Ball when he made a contract with them, after it became impossible for Archer and Daley to furnish them." The following is a bit of personal recollection by Mr. Offutt: "The plates furnished by Thos. De La Rue and Co., of London, England, were purchased by an agent of the Department that was sent out by it; and his name was not Mayer Gorgas, and my collection of stamps and designs was brought to me by the agent from the office of De La Rue and Co., and has their imprint on it. . . ."

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It Is Before Us—The details in the foregoing paragraph are taken from a communication that appeared in the *American Stamp Mercury*, Boston, May, 1868, from Mr. H. St. Geo. Offutt, New York, whose intimate connection with the post office department of the Confederate States has been indicated; and they were incidental to an exposure of the preposterous claims of those who argued at the time in favor of the validity of that arrant stamp rogue, the ten cent "Stonewall" Jackson. Further, a copy of this old number of Mr. Trifet's paper has been handed us so that we might see the original text of Mr. Offutt's counter-blast; and we may add that parts of Mr. Offutt's letter have been drawn upon freely by historians of the Confederate issues since that day and date, April 14th, 1868.

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Glad To Hear It—We take the following paragraph from a letter received from Mr. Donald R. Heath, Monroe, Michigan: "The other evening I came across a letter which you had written to my father on December 24th, 1890, enclosing a menu card of a banquet given by the Chicago Philatelic Society on December 18th, 1890; and the card represented an envelope that was franked with an imprint of the two cent, type of 1883, United States. This alone would have been sufficient to warrant saving the card but upon examination, I found that the cover was mailed with a beautiful specimen of the 1890, two cent, with right cap, (one straight edge). I took it to Detroit with me to the last meeting of the Branch and from the 'General' down, all pronounced it 'great.' I do not suppose that right caps were so numerous then that each invitation bore one for a souvenir." We well remember the menu card of the banquet held at the Grand Pacific Hotel in 1890 by the Chicago Philatelic Society that we as secretary of the society mailed to prominent philatelists throughout the country. Among those foremost philatelic citizens of that age, we knew of none worthier than Dr. George F. Heath of Monroe, Michigan, who, while first a numismatist, yet was a philatelist of the best type. Mr. Donald R. Heath is the son of Dr. Heath, deceased, and his philatelic inclinations are disclosed by his attendance at recent conventions of the American Philatelic Society. We are pleased to hear that an act performed in 1890 has had so satisfactory a sequel twenty-four years afterwards.

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Go Slow—On several occasions recently we have been placed in a position of embarrassment and have been much inconvenienced likewise by reporting names of alleged delinquents as sent in by dealers and others for exposure in our columns only to find after the names have been printed that the delays complained of have been satisfactorily explained and differences adjusted. The specter of a libel suit need not be invoked to make us wish not to work hardship, even unwittingly, upon persons against whom no charge in fairness may lodge, when all the circumstances are known. Such a contretemps is repugnant to sentiments of justice. We shall adhere to our rule not to publish names of suspected persons until a competent attorney has passed on the case and certified to the justice of an exposure or until the misconduct comes under our own observation. Of course, in cases of repeated and flagrant dishonesty, our duty is clear but when an element of doubt enters into them, we must be watchful.

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I have had sent me direct from Hermosillo and submitted by various dealers and collectors the following stamps which are undoubtedly from the stolen lot.

The stamps referred to, Scott Nos. 322-5-6-8 are O. K. in so far as the printing, etc., is concerned, but in putting the embossed colorless word "CONSTITUCIONAL" on, the parties who stole the stamps evidently could not steal the die to do the embossing with and have evidently had one made and it is of a different size than the original. The original embossing die measures 42 mm. long and the letters are 4 mm. high. The fake die measures 38 mm. long and 3 mm. high, so that we now have the first issue saved as these remainders which were stolen all have a counterfeit embossing on them and this makes them of no value.

Next we find strips or single copies of the No. 341, 5c which should have green seal. This is from the Maro error sheet which was printed on soft creamish paper and none were ever issued without the seal, by the government. The first MARO error sheet was Scott's No. 329. Later these sheets were overprinted with the seal. None of the stamps without seal on soft creamish unwatermarked paper were ever issued. The stamps which were stolen and which are being offered would be very dangerous to collectors if it were not for the fact that the crooks who got the goods have, in their effort to deceive collectors, embossed all these stamps with the word CONSTITUCIONAL the same as was used on the first issue. If it were not for this the stamps would puzzle collectors for it is known that copies of some of these stamps on soft paper without the seal were purchased at the post offices at the time of their use. Two used copies of the 5c are in an European collection which was to be shown at the Cassel exhibition and sheets of some other values with the green seal on one row of five stamps and without the seal on the other row of five stamps are known in this country. I have a sheet of the 1c value in my collection.

The next and most common of these stolen remainders is the 2c value of the REISSUE, green seal set without the seal. The crooks have also embossed these stamps which helps to kill their real interest to collectors.

It would look to one who has studied these stamps carefully that parties who have made this haul have found a few sheets or portions of sheets of some of the earlier issues and quite a number of the 2c value of this reissue set. These 2c stamps are also embossed with the word CONSTITUCIONAL which lessens their interest to collectors. If this word were left off the stamps they would be of more danger to the collecting fraternity.

Faked covers containing a pair of these 2c stamps and a single copy of the first issue 1c No. 322, also covers with a single copy of these 2c stamps and first issue 3c No. 325, cancelled HERMOSILLO and backstamped MAGDALENA, are making their appearance and they are about the best job of faked covers that have come from Mexico but at that it is easy to detect them as made to order goods.

In the first place there is a variation of 20 days between the two towns in cancellation dates. In the second place the postmark which is being used on the Hermosillo end of the job and which is used to cancel the stamps is not of the same style as was used at the time of the original use of these stamps. Therefore all you need do to detect a faked cancellation on one of the first issue of these type set stamps, and assure yourself that it is a fake in the present instance even if it is removed from the cover and separated from its brother, the 2c Reissue without seal is to compare the postmarks. The postmark now being used is found on all recent issues and is much different than that used on the early issues. Then the idea of finding one of these 2c reissues cancelled in August, 1913, at least a year before the stamps were issued is quite a laughable matter in itself.

Do not blame the Mexicans or the Mexican authorities for all this stuff. If we lived next door to Nicaragua and things were so handy for us as they are with Mexico, I should hate to imagine what a mess we would make of the work they are doing down there.

So far as the Government is concerned these Mexican issues have been very clean and handled in as honorable a manner as the stamps of many other countries. It is the everlasting hunt of the collector and dealer for something new that is causing the most of the faked goods to come on the market, but most of it can be spotted on the jump by one who is experienced in these stamps and there is little cause to worry. The good will be separated from the bad and it is only you fellows who are buying direct from Mexico that are apt to get severely stung as the bunch down there will gladly supply you with anything you want and anyway, you want it for a few pesos. This statement has also applied to many other countries.

As regards the buying of these green seal stamps without the seal, you can do just as you please about them; you know their status and if you are a real enthusiast you will want them, but of course you need not buy them with the thought that you are getting a rarity when you now know better, altho the quantity which is available may be so small that they will really be rare. They will have a very interesting place in any specialized collection and will be eagerly sought for.

I have had submitted to me within the last three weeks no less than 50 stamps which the owners were doubtful of and have in all cases advised them of their true standing and will always be glad to perform a like service for any collector. I know these stamps and am interested in protecting the collectors of these issues and feel quite proud of the fact that I have yet to see something which I could not explain and place in its proper class.—GEORGE WARD LINN.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—David E. Maxwell also calls attention to the yellowish shade of the current 8c stamp, as noted in No. 1238.

F. L. Bennett, Frederick J. Rider and others have given us further information regarding the watermarks of the new revenue stamps. The list of those seen to date is as follows:

U. S. P. S.

Proprietary—⅛c, ⅜c, 1¼c. 3⅛c, 3¾c, 20c.
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Proprietary—¼c, ⅝c, 1¼c, 1⅞c, 2½c, 4c, 4⅜c, 5c, 6c, 10c.
Documentary—1c, 2c, 3c, 4c.

AUSTRALIA.—Bright & Son have shown us a letter card with new King George stamp and the usual inscriptions on the obverse, and a picture of Geelong Harbor on the reverse. This is found printed in green, blue, red and purplish black on gray card, inside white.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the current 3d and 4d English stamps overprinted for use in this Protectorate.

Adhesives.
3d bluish violet.
4d slate green.

BOSNIA.—The 5 and 10h stamps of the 1906 issue have been overprinted 7 and 12 heller respectively, beneath the date 1914, these being War Relief stamps applied to the same purpose as the Austrians already chronicled, say Whitfield King & Co.

ERITREA.—Whitfield King & Co. have been informed by the Director General of Italian Posts that "it is untrue that any 5c or 10c stamps of the pictorial design have been issued for this place. The only denominations that have been issued in this type are the 15c and 25c."

HUNGARY.—Whitfield King informs us that the complete set from 1f to 5kr have been overprinted in the same manner as those of 5 and 10f as described in their November Monthly List, but it it not quite clear from their correspondent's letter whether the stamps overprinted are the ordinary issue or the "Flood" stamps, though probably the latter.

ITALY.—*Offices in the Levant.*—From Whitfield King & Co. we have received the following:

"*Santi Quaranta.* Several journals have chronicled the Italian stamps of Janina overprinted 'Santi 40' and values in paras and piastres. The Director General of Italian Posts informs us that no Italian Postal Agency has been established at this port in Epirus and therefore no stamps have been issued by the Italian Government."

Offices in Tripoli.—The International Stamp Co. has shown us a curious cover from Tripoli. It has a 15c stamp of 1909 without overprint, and a 10c overprinted "Libia," Scott's No. 1015. In addition to these stamps the cover hand-stamped with a large circular stamp having the Royal Arms in the centre, and "4th Divisione Special—Officio Canita" around the circle. It was postmarked at "Derna—Cirenaica," the latter preserving the old Latin name for the country.

JAPAN.—Tadayasu Maki sends us a print of a special commemorative postmark used at the "Special Grand Military Manoeuvres, 1914," held near Osaka. This postmark was used only at that office, November 19, 20 and 21. Our correspondent says that these commemorative postmarks are often used in Japan.

PERSIA.—Bright & Son have shown us two new post cards from Persia, a 2c card for interior use and a 5c card for foreign mails.

Post Cards.
2c green on greenish.
5c carmine on buff.

SAMOA.—The *Postage Stamp* says that eight values of the German Samoa stamps of the ship type have been overprinted "G. R. I." and surcharged new values in English money. The overprint is in tall fancy lettering, and the new value is in heavy figures, widely spaced from the "d".

Provisional Adhesives.
½d on 3pf brown.
½d on 5pf green.
1d on 10pf carmine.
2½d on 20pf ultramarine.
3d on 25pf black and red on yellow.
4d on 30pf black and orange on buff.
5d on 40pf black and carmine.
6d on 50pf black and purple on buff.

In addition to the above in September, a supply of New Zealand stamps was overprinted "Samoa" after the style of the Aitutaki set. These will supersede the interesting provisionals noted above.

Adhesives.
½d green.
1d carmine.
2d mauve.
2½d blue.
6d carmine.
1sh vermilion.

The stamps above overprinted are the Dominion 1d, the pictorial 2½d, and the King Edward issue for the balance of the list. The overprint is in orange red on the ½d, 2d and 2½d, and in deep blue on the others.

TURKEY.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* says that the overprint on the three stamps noted in No. 1250 reads "Capitulations abrogated, 1330." The date in the Turkish Calendar conforming to "1914." This is Turkey's celebration of the abolition of the foreign post offices.

OUR REBUS CONTEST.

We have been some time announcing the results of the rebus contest launched in our issue of September 26. It will be remembered that portions of eighteen stamps were pictured, seventeen of the designs being illustrated in the catalog. We find that the contest proved a very difficult one and tested to the fullest extent the keenness of the collecting eye.

The solution to the rebus is as follows, the designs being numbered horizontally from left to right:—

1 Uruguay A32	10 Portugal A62
2 Bosnia No. 33	11 France A18
3 Spain No. 94	12 Chili No. 88
4 New So. Wales No. 80	13 Hawaii No. 74
5 Mozambique A2	14 Peru PP1
6 Canada No. 102	15 Spain No. 355
7 Bolivia No. 138	16 Switzerland No. 97
8 U. S. No. 320	17 U. S. T. 15a
9 Spain & Colonies	18 Egypt A4

The following is the list of prize winners:—

C. H. Loomis, McLean, Va.
F. C. Clark, Medford, Ore.
C. O. Swaney, Trinidad, Col.
Willard Newton, Somerville, Mass.
M. Borowsky, Bronx, N. Y. City.

The solution sent in by Mr. Loomis may be termed perfect, though in one instance it did not tally with the official list as given above. The author of the rebus gave Bolivia as the correct solution to No. 7, but Ecuador will apply with equal correctness. The solution by Mr. Loomis gave Ecuador No. 139 and this stamp was named by several of the contestants. We feel that this particular entry is deserving of special mention, not only because of its being a correct solution but for the reason that the entry was neatly typewritten and Mr. Loomis submitted specimens of the stamps from which the illustrations were taken.

Second honors go to F. C. Clark of Medford, Ore., whose prowess in connection with the solving of rebuses is appreciated by contestants in the past. Mr. Clark solved correctly all but Nos 6 and 7 and his entry was a literary venture of merit. C. O. Swaney of Trinidad, Colo., failed to solve Nos. 1, 6 and 7; Willard Newton of Somerville, Mass., Nos. 6, 7 and 8 and M. Borowsky, Bronx, N. Y. City, Nos. 6, 7 and 8.

We feel that special mention should be made of the entries of James Lewis Howe (Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 12 missing), T. Russell Hungerford (Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 15 missing) and Francis Dessart (Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 15 missing).

Entries were also received from:—Ira M. Kells; Frederic C. DePuy; Chas. Todd Plumlee; Frank P. Sayben; Fr. Altfelix; Verdin A. Berger; Henry K. Gerrish; Walter F. Lemke; Egbert Bacon; Robt. L. Clarke; A. E. Stockin; Virgil Monnet; Mrs. T. S. Farquaharson; W. W. Palmer; Wm. Rae Ferguson; L. C. Brown, and John B. Mehrtens.

We may be able to have another contest of this kind after our January rush of advertising has been taken care of.

FEDERALSBURG, MD., PRECANCELS.

Members of the A. P. S. receiving the last number of the official journal were pleased to note on the cover a strip of five 1c with the overprint "Federalsburg, Md." in violet ink running vertically in two lines upwards. We wrote the postmaster at Federalsburg and received the following information:—

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THE PARTNERSHIP COLLECTION.

By J. Avery Wills.

When the Boy's eighth birthday was coming near, his mother planned to gratify a childhood wish of her own, as well as to place in the Boy's hands a new interest. So from a back corner of her desk she drew forth a little old blank book and a worn envelope, containing the stamp collection of her early days. She went to the book-store, and with a good bit of satisfaction bought a Nineteenth Century Album, an extravagance her parents had frowned upon. With much study and many mistakes, she finally mounted that old jumble of both really good and woefully shabby stamps, two hundred and fifteen specimens in all, and the birthday gift was ready.

The minister-father approved, but from a distance,—it was "good for the Boy" and "could do no harm." The young eight-year-old evidently inherited the philatelic spark, which had lain dormant in his mother, and enthusiastically set to work to "fill the blank spaces." The mother had wisely left the gathering of current and recent issues to the young collector, and the daily mail, waste-basket, all relatives and friends were requisitioned to furnish supplies for this new stamp-campaign. The mother herself felt more real enthusiasm than in her own solitary collecting, and eagerly they looked up and mounted each new treasure. When, in a few months the infant collection was doubled, there was as much pride in her heart as in the young owner's.

But still the father only showed an amused tolerance, until one day a few Bosnia jubilees and some other equally artistic, if not highly valuable stamps, were shown him. Somehow, they appealed to his interest, and he began to "take notice"; it was not long before the Boy's stamp collection had a new and constant friend,—and with his broader associations, additions came from many quarters.

Mekeel's became a weekly visitor in this home, and was about as eagerly read by everyone as the daily papers in war-time. A stamp catalogue could usually be found on the library table, or tucked in the corner of someone's favorite reading chair. Many an exciting hour they spent over a table spread with little piles of stamps and all sorts of stamp paraphernalia.

The Boy's interest never flagged. Stamps were consolation in sickness, of which he had more than his share; they were prizes for school achievements; they were gifts most choice. He early showed preference for a small British Colony, thus unconsciously dipping into "specialism," spending much of his small allowance for the really worth-while stamps of the interesting Island. He eagerly searched advertisements for bargains, kept up lively exchange with other enthusiasts, and spent long hours with his album.

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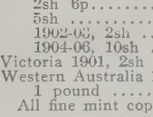
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Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Boston, Mass

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6 China	05	4 St. Lucia	07	100 Br. Colonies	19
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50 Italy	19	300 Foreign	25	1000 Hinges	05
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10 Chili	03	50 Spain	11	10 Queensland	05
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MARKS STAMP CO. TORONTO, CANADA

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

ADVERTISING.

Before continuing our remarks of previous issues, I take this opportunity to inform the readers again that I am not posing as an expert stamp dealer, nor do I try to make my articles complete. I merely try to dispose of a very few of the obstacles that rise in the path of the new stamp dealer. Were I an expert on advertising or any other of the subjects I write about, my time would be worth too much to write articles for even the world's best stamp paper. However, I believe my articles are helping a few who lack even my limited experience.

Advertising is the key to business. Without advertising very few, especially of the new dealers, could prosper. Of course, there is direct and indirect advertising. A dealer without effort on his part may win fame if he can supply every stamp in a certain line the way the people want it, or if some particular feature of his business is different from the ordinary run. That is indirect advertising.

Direct advertising is divided into many classes, too numerous to list here. It consists of newspaper, classified and displayed; circular and individual letter; premiums; etc.

Continuing our remarks of last week, let us consider our friends, Anderson and Jones. Having prepared their stock as previously explained, they are now ready to advertise. We will consider their displayed advertising first.

Anderson has prepared a fine line of American approvals, which he handles almost exclusively. He wishes to attract a little attention to his advertising, as he is unknown, hence he makes use of many of the well known psychological points of advertising. First he uses the

MYSTERY.

In advertising, this feature consists of copy so worded as to arouse the curiosity of the reader without disclosing the identity of the advertiser. Properly handled, this feature will bring results. If, however, the campaign is not brought to a head at the right moment, the attention of the reader will decrease. Wrigley's "Spearmint" was introduced by this method. Movie fans are doubtless familiar with the campaigns to attract attention to the affairs of "Kathlyn" or "Zudora" or the "Dangers of Diana" or "The Sins of Sarah," as the case may be. My own campaign introducing my "Blue Books" held recently in this paper brought very good results.

To get back to our friend Anderson. He believes that a few short spaces are better than one long one, since each advertisement makes an impression on the mind of the reader, and many impressions are better than one. Large single spaces in a campaign of this kind are unnecessary unless something is to be told, in detail. The less detail to mystery advertising, the better. Hence, Anderson runs the following one line displayed adv.:

What Does Anderson Sell?
Who is Anderson?
Why Should I Buy From Anderson?

After two or three insertions of advertising of this kind, Anderson announces his American Approvals on this order:

ANDERSON'S AMERICAN APPROVALS make good collections better. Only clean, well-centered, lightly cancelled or O. G. stamps included, at honest prices. No speculative or other trash included. Personal attention to all orders gives my clients satisfaction.
A. ANDERSON, BIGTOWN, TEXAS.

The readers who have been wondering who Anderson was have found out. If they collect his line, they will be anxious to see if his stamps are as good as he says they are. He appeals to them because he claims to have the kind of books they are looking for. The fact that he believes in personal service shows that he is in harmony with progressive business ideas. Therefore, he attracts the people by his advertising.

Now let us consider our friend, Jones. He lacks advertising ability so he advertises his common-place approvals as follows, and keeps the same copy week after week, without change, because it is too much bother to write a new ad each time.

TRY MY 50% DISCOUNT SELECTIONS of stamps on approval. 100 stamps free with every lot. Please write to
J. JONES, NOPLACE, IOWA.

Let us compare the two advertisements. In Anderson's, his display is attractive for the reason that he explains what Anderson sells, and this is the point he has been working up to. Had he announced

50% DISCOUNT SELECTIONS
known as "Anderson's American Approvals" will be sent to American collectors, etc.

he would have attracted little attention, since 50% discount approvals are as common as fleas on a goat, and the display *must* arouse the curiosity of the reader if it is to hold his attention through the whole space. After the announcement, the display would not attract much attention for the reason that the reader would not care to learn about Anderson or his approvals. But, since they are wondering who Anderson is, and what he sells, they seize this opportunity to satisfy their curiosity.

Consider Jones' copy. Don't you ask yourself why you should try his approvals? Why should you? Does he tell you anything about them? From his advertisement you learn only two things, the first being that he sends selections of stamps instead of bread labels or cigar bands, the second that he offers you a premium for trying them. We will discuss the premium later. If Jones had said, "Try my 50% Discount Approvals," wouldn't we have known just as much? Three words would have been saved. Any reader of intelligence knows that he sends selections of stamps, not a hundred of the same stamp. Also, every reader knows that the word "approvals" signifies "selections of stamps" when it appears in an advertisement of this nature. Now consider the phrase "please write to." Naturally, the reader will write to Jones if he wants the selections, unless he telephones him, or cables him, or calls on him. If he does any of these things, isn't it just as satisfactory to Jones? In Anderson's advertisement, we learn just what kind of stamps he includes in his approvals, and the way he tells us makes us anxious to buy them. We hope that he can supply us with the kind of goods he claims, otherwise we will stop trading with him.

It is no use to waste this space by inserting "specimen copy." The reader will have to make a study of the copy of other dealers and pattern his accordingly. If any advertiser has difficulty in writing copy that pulls results, if he will submit some of his "copy" to me, I will gladly point out to him where he is making his mistake. The chief mistake the amateur makes is to copy the style of some other dealer. Many dealers have the idea that writing an advertisement is the simplest part of the stamp business, and that any jumble of words will do the business. Forget it. Advertising is just deep enough to be over the head of the dealer who doesn't think, and a lot of the thinkers would do better if they would sit down and study their own advertisements, and see if they would answer them if they were looking for stamps.

Let us consider the question of making up copy. In the first place, unless you are experienced in printing, or have some particular reason for giving the printer advice, let him use his own judgment, on how to set up your advertising. Keep a carbon copy of your "copy" and compare it with the finished advertisement. In this way, you will learn about how much to write for a two inch space. Where a paper allows fourteen lines to the inch, and seven words to the line, remember that the seven words are ordinary sized, not a selection of the longest words in the language. By comparison of past copy, study the length of the lines. Remember that while fourteen lines can be crowded into an inch of space, that no room for display is left. Also, when the reader has to examine your advertisement with a reading glass, he will pass it up and put in his time looking through some 8c 1895 for an "I. R" watermark. Limit your inch space to fifty words at the most, and make it twenty if you can tell the story in that number. The fewer, the better.

Anderson inserts the following advertisement:

U. S. $1 1902 Cat. .40	Price	.10
U. S. $1 1894 Cat. 1.00	"	.30
U. S. $1 1895 Cat. .50	"	.20
U. S. $1 1898 Cat. 2.00	"	.60
U. S. $1 Columbian 3.00	"	1.20
*U. S. $1 Parcel Post 1.75	"	1.50

Jones inserts the following in same sized space.

LOOK!
U. S. 241 at 1.10; 261 at 25c; 276 at 15c; 292 at 50c; 311 at 8c; 460 at 1.10; Set 294 to 209 at 45c; 312 at 2.35 unsd. 218 at 60c; 275a unsd. 1.10.

Both of these advertisements contain practically the same offers, though Jones' prices are lowest. Anderson uses as a leader a $1.00 1902 listing at 40c, which he sells at cost, or 10c, to attract customers. His items are clear, and the collector can see at once what stamps are offered, and if he is familiar with U. S. stamps, will readily see if he needs any of the stamps offered and can order without further loss of time.

Now turn to Jones' advertisement. His display is excellent. It attracts your attention. You look, and see a big mess of figures that means you must either get out your catalogue and laboriously check over prices, or take a chance. Not being of a gambling turn of mind, you decide to pass up Jones' remarkable offers, hence Jones loses a customer and you lose some bargains, but save some of your good time.

Too many advertisers have the idea that the more is jammed into a space, the more money will be gotten out of it. Hence, advertisements like Jones' are not uncommon. The average reader values his time too much to plod through such messes of figures as these. If he wants to solve a puzzle, he turns to Sam Lloyd, not to Jones' advertisment. If he wants to buy goods, he is liable to turn to Anderson because he sees what he wants and doesn't have to investigate it in a catalogue or solve a code before he knows if the price is right.

Leaders are articles offered at attractive prices to bring trade and are usually sold at or below cost. No attempt at a profit should be made from a leader, or in fact from any stamp advertised in this way unless an enormous volume of business is received. Make your profit by selling to the customers after they buy the leader stamp and give you a chance to circularize them with the merits of your stock. The writer firmly believes that premiums are better than leaders to attract trade.

(To be continued.)

Let's all have a Happy New Year. If we can put some light into the life of someone less fortunate than ourselves, and can make their life happy, we will so benefit our own life, and we will have a Happy New Year. Let's get our happiness *that* way.

BILL BLOSS.

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